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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1860.

At 12, M. of this day, the Senators whose term had not expired, together with those elected at the late election for members of the General Assembly, convened in the Senate Chamber at the Capitol in Columbia, in obedience to the Proclamation of his Excellency the Governor.

On motion of Hon. CHARLES IRBY, Senator from Marlboro', the Hon. FRANKLIN J. MOSES, Senator from Claremont, was called to the Chair.

The Clerk of the late Senate then read the following Proclamation :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, S. C., October 12, 1860.

By His Excellency, WILLIAM H. GIST, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the State of South Carolina.

Whereas Electors of President and Vice President of the United States are appointed by the General Assembly of South Carolina; and whereas an Act of Congress, passed in 1846, fixed the time when these Electors shall be appointed on a day when the Legislature of this State is not in regular session. In consequence thereof, I, WILLIAM H. GIST, in the exercise of the authority conferred by the Constitution to convene the Legislature on extraordinary occasions, do issue this my proclamation, calling upon those Senators of the General Assembly whose terms of office have not expired, and those who have been now recently elected, and the members of the House of Representatives who have been now recently elected, to convene at Columbia on the first Monday in November next, that they may be present, on the Tuesday following, to appoint Electors of President and

Vice President, in conformity to the Act of Congress above referred to; and also that they may, if advisable, take action for the safety and protection of the State.

Given under my hand and the seal of the State, at Columbia, on the twelfth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

WM. H. GIST.

ISAAC H. MEANS, Secretary of State.

The roll was called, and the following Senators, from the Election Districts following, answered to their names:

Hon. J. Duncan Allen,	Barnwell.
" Charles Alston, Jr.,	All Saints.
" M. T. Appleby,	St. George's, Dorchester.
" S. W. Barker,	St. John's, Berkeley.
" J. W. Blakeney,	Chesterfield. /
" E. B. Bryan,	St. John's, Colleton.
" Gabriel Cannon,	Spartanburg.
" O. M. Dantzler,	St. Matthew's.
" James E. DeLoach,	Prince William's.
" I. K. Furman,	St. Thomas' and St. Dennis'.
" Charles Irby,	Marlboro'.
" Henry D. Lesesne,	St. Philip's and St. Michael's.
" R. J. Manning,	Clarendon.
" F. J. Moses,	Claremont.
" E. G. Palmer,	Fairfield.
" Edmund Rhett,	St. Helena.
" Elam Sharpe,	Pickens.
" B. H. Wilson,	Prince George, Winyaw.

A quorum being present, the Senate proceeded with business. The Election Districts were called, and the following Senators, from the Districts opposite their names, appeared at the Clerk's desk, and presented their credentials. The constitutional oath was administered, and the Senators took their seats:

Abbeville—J. Foster Marshall.

Chester—Saml. McAliley.

Christ Church—Thomas M. Wagner.

Darlington—R. L. Hart.

Greenville—T. Edwin Ware.

Kershaw—A. Hamilton Boykin.

Kingston—F. J. Sessions.

Lancaster—Dixon Barnes.

Lexington—John C. Hope.

Marion—W. R. Johnson.

Newberry—A. C. Garlington.

Orange—G. D. Keitt.

St. Andrew's—W. Izard Bull.

St. James', Santee—Alexander Mazyek.

St. James', Goose Creek—J. C. McKewn.

St. Luke's—F. W. Fickling.

St. Paul's—C. R. Boyle.

St. Peter's—Wm. G. Roberds.

St. Philip's and St. Michael's—Wm. D. Porter.

St. Stephen's—S. W. Palmer.

Union—Robert Beaty.

York—R. G. McCaw.

The President of the late Senate announced that, in consequence of the election of the late Senator from Edgefield to the Chancery Bench, and the death of the late Senators from Laurens and St. Bartholomew's, he had issued writs of election for these three Election Districts respectively; whereupon the following Senators appeared at the Clerk's desk and presented their credentials, and were duly sworn, namely:

Edgefield—Hon. Tilman Watson.

Laurens—Hon. W. D. Simpson.

St. Bartholomew's—Hon. Nath'l Heyward.

The Senate then balloted for President, and on the inspection of the ballots, it was ascertained that the Hon. W. D. Porter, one of the Senators from the Election District of St. Philip's and St. Michael's, and President of the late Senate, was chosen.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL, a Committee of three Senators was appointed to wait upon the President elect and inform him of his election, and conduct him to the Chair. Messrs. Marshall, Furman and Garlington were appointed, and having performed the duty,

The PRESIDENT addressed the Senate as follows:

SENATORS: I thank you for this new manifestation of your confidence and favor; and accept it in the same kindly spirit in which I know it is tendered. It shall be my endeavor to discharge the duties of the office with fidelity, to promote the wishes and give expression to the sense of the body, according to the rules which have been laid down for our government.

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One short year has removed from all earthly scenes *three* of those who participated in our last deliberations. This is an unusual mortality. While we pay our last tribute to the memories of our departed associates, let us take the solemn admonition home to our own hearts, and make timely preparation of the coming of the dread Messenger, who comes to each but once, but comes to all.

I do not seek now to lift the veil that hides the future from our sight, but we have all an instinctive feeling that we are on the eve of great events. His Excellency, the Governor, in his call, has summoned us to "take action, if advisable, for the safety and protection of the State." Heretofore we have consulted for its convenience and well-being; now its destiny, its very existence, depends, in great part, upon our action. It was the old injunction in times of great public peril, to the Roman Consuls, to take care that the Republic sustained no detriment—this charge and injunction is now addressed to us. All that is dear and precious to this people—life, fortune, name, history—all is committed to our keeping, for weal or for woe, for honor or for shame. Let us do our part, so that those who come after us shall acknowledge that we were not unworthy of the great trusts devolved upon us, and not unequal to the great exigencies by which we were tried. Above all things, let us be of *one mind*. We are all agreed as to our wrongs. Let us sacrifice all differences of opinion, as to the time and mode of remedy, upon the altar of patriotism, and for the sake of the great cause. In our unanimity will be our strength, physical and moral. No human power can withstand or break down a united people, standing upon their own soil, and defending their homes and their firesides. May we be so united, and may the Great Governor of men and of nations inspire our hearts with courage, and inform our understandings with wisdom, and lead us in the way of honor and of safety.

The further organization of the Senate was completed by the unanimous election of the following officers:

WILLIAM E. MARTIN, *Clerk*.
A. D. GOODWYN, *Reading Clerk*.
A. D. GAILLARD, *Messenger*.
J. D. GAILLARD, *Door Keeper*.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that House that the Senate had met, pursuant to the proclamation of his Excellency the Governor, and had been organized by the election of the officers above mentioned, and was now ready to proceed with the business of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. McKEWN, a Committee was appointed to wait on his

Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Senate had met in obedience to the call of his proclamation, and had been duly organized, and was now ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make. Messrs. McKewn, Allen and Alston were appointed the Committee.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee of one Senator from each Congressional District, be appointed to nominate electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing to that House the appointment of a similar Committee, and, also, that the said election be held to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The resolution was agreed to by the Senate. Messrs. Moses, Garlington, Dantzler, Sharpe, Barker and Barnes were appointed the Committee, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. McKEWN, from the Committee to wait on the Governor, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned them, and his Excellency had informed the Committee that he would communicate with the Senate forthwith.

Immediately thereafter, the following Message was announced to the Senate, and read by the Executive Secretary :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 5, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

The Act of Congress passed in the year 1846, enacts that "the Electors of President and Vice President shall be appointed on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of the month of November of the year in which they are to be appointed." The annual meeting of the Legislature of South Carolina, by a constitutional provision, will not take place until the fourth Monday in November instant, and I have considered it my duty, under the authority conferred upon me to convene the Legislature on extraordinary occasions, to convene you, that you may on tomorrow appoint the number of Electors of President and Vice President to which this State is entitled.

Under ordinary circumstances, your duty could be soon discharged, by the election of Electors, representing the choice of the people of the State; but in view of the threatening aspect of affairs, and the strong probability of the election to the Presidency of a sectional candidate, by a party committed to the support of measures which, if carried out, will inevitably destroy our equality in the Union, and ultimately reduce the Southern States to mere provinces of a consolidated despotism, to be governed by a fixed majority in Congress, hostile to our institutions, and fatally bent upon our

ruin, I would respectfully suggest that the Legislature remain in session, and take such action as will prepare the State for any emergency that may arise.

That an expression of the will of the people may be obtained on a question involving such momentous consequences, I would earnestly recommend, that in the event of the election of Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency, a Convention of the people of this State be immediately called, to consider and determine "the mode and measure of redress."

My own opinions of what the Convention should do are of little moment; but believing that the time has arrived when every one, however humble he may be, should express his opinions in unmistakable language, I am constrained to say, that the only alternative left, in my judgment, is the secession of South Carolina from the Federal Union. The indications from many of the Southern States justify the conclusion that the secession of South Carolina will be immediately followed, if not adopted simultaneously by them, and ultimately by the entire South. The long desired cooperation of the other States, having similar institutions, for which the State has been waiting, seems to be near at hand, and, if we are true to ourselves, will soon be realized. The State has, with great unanimity, declared that she has the right peaceably to secede, and no power on earth can rightfully prevent it. If in the exercise of arbitrary power, and forgetful of the lessons of history, the Government of the United States should attempt coercion, it will become our solemn duty to meet force by force; and whatever may be the decision of the Convention representing the sovereignty of the State—and amenable to no earthly tribunal—shall, during the remainder of my administration, be carried out to the letter, regardless of any hazard that may surround its execution. I would, also, respectfully recommend a thorough reorganization of the Militia, so as to place the whole military force of the State in a position to be used at the shortest notice, and with the greatest efficiency. Every man in the State, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five, should be well armed with the most effective weapons of modern warfare, and all the available means of the State used for that purpose.

In addition to this general preparation, I would also recommend that the services of ten thousand volunteers be immediately accepted; that they be organized and drilled by officers chosen by themselves, and hold themselves in readiness to be called on, upon the shortest notice.

With this preparation for defence—and with all the hallowed memories of past achievements—with our love of liberty and hatred of tyranny—and with the knowledge that we are contending for the safety of our homes and firesides—we can confidently appeal to the Disposer of all human events, and safely trust our cause in his keeping.

WM. H. GIST.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Message was ordered to be printed, and was made the special order of the day for tomorrow, at half-past twelve o'clock.

The following resolutions, having been prefaced by feeling remarks, were submitted to the Senate:

By Mr. W. D. SIMPSON:

Whereas, Col. James H. Irby, late a member of this body, has been, since the last session of the General Assembly, removed by death from his position of usefulness and honor. Be it

Resolved, That in his death this body has lost one of its most useful and prominent members, the people of Laurens an able, faithful and efficient Senator, and the State a valuable and distinguished citizen.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be transmitted to the family of the deceased, as expressive of the sympathy of the Senate with them, and of its high appreciation of his public services.

By Mr. N. HEYWARD:

Resolved, That in the death of the Hon. Lewis O'Bryan, his constituency have lost a faithful and diligent public servant and representative, and the Senate of South Carolina a useful member.

Resolved, That the Senate wear the usual badge of mourning for the death of a member.

The resolutions were unanimously agreed to, and the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the deceased Senators—the hour for meeting tomorrow being first fixed, on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, at eleven o'clock—adjourned at twenty minutes to three, P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1860.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATOR:

Hon. S. J. MONTGOMERY, Senator from Williamsburg, appeared in his seat in the Senate Chamber.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 6, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs the Senate that this House has agreed to a resolution for the appointment of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the term to commence on the 4th March next, and that the said appointment be made by general ballot of the General Assembly, in the Hall of the House of Representatives, at 12 o'clock, meridian, on Tuesday, 6th instant, as provided for by the Act of Congress of the United States, ratified on the 23d day of January, 1845, and this House respectfully requests the Senate to concur in said resolution.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and returned a Message accordingly, and immediately proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot. Messrs. Allen and Alston were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

At half past 12, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour, the reference of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor. The reading was dispensed with, and Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Order making the Message of his Excellency the Governor the Special Order for this day, at half past twelve o'clock, be discharged, and that so much of said Message as relates to the call of a Convention of the people of this State, the reorganization of the Militia, and preparations for the defence of the State, be made the Special Order for Thursday next, at one o'clock, P. M.

The resolution was considered and agreed to, and the order was made accordingly.

Mr. RHETT offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Upper Division be, and is hereby, instructed to settle the bills of the State Printer for work ordered by the General Assembly and executed since the last Session, out of any funds appropriated for Public Printing during that Session.

The resolution was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the Session was granted to the Senator from Laurens on and after to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12.

On motion of Mr. BRYAN, the Senate adjourned at 20 minutes to 1, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1860.

The Senate met at 12 o'clock, pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT announced the Standing Committees of the Senate as follows :

On Privileges and Elections.—Messrs. F. W. Fickling, F. J. Moses, Sam'l McAliley, B. H. Wilson, Dixon Barnes.

On Federal Relations.—Messrs. A. C. Garlington, Olin M. Dantzler, J. Duncan Allen, Wade Hampton, E. B. Bryan, H. D. Lesesne, A. H. Boykin, Alex. Mazyek.

On Finance and Banks.—Messrs. Sam'l McAliley, Thos. M. Wagner, E. G. Palmer, Alex. Mazyek, G. D. Keitt, Gabriel Cannon, J. Foster Marshall, A. H. Boykin.

On the Judiciary.—Messrs. F. J. Moses, H. D. Lesesne, J. W. Blakeney, F. W. Fickling, A. C. Garlington.

On Accounts and Vacant Offices.—Messrs. Thomas M. Wagner, Tilman Watson, T. Edwin Ware, W. R. Johnson, G. D. Keitt.

On Claims and Grievances.—Messrs. J. W. Harrison, Elam Sharpe, Charles Irby, James E. DeLoach, J. C. Hope, C. Ryan Boyle.

On Military and Pensions.—Messrs. J. Foster Marshall, J. W. Harrison, Charles Alston, Jr., S. J. Montgomery, J. Duncan Allen, E. B. Bryan.

On the College, Education and Religion.—Messrs. Edmund Rhett, R. J. Manning, S. W. Barker, Dixon Barnes, Nathaniel Heyward.

On Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.—Messrs. W. D. Simpson, Charles Irby, T. Edwin Ware, Robert Beaty, Tilman Watson.

On Agriculture and Internal Improvements.—Messrs. E. G. Palmer, R. G. McCaw, O. M. Dantzler, S. W. Palmer, W. R. Johnson.

On Roads and Buildings.—Messrs. Gabriel Cannon, J. C. Hope, F. J. Sessions, W. G. Roberds, R. L. Hart, Robert Beaty.

On Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.—Messrs. Irvin K. Furman, R. J. Manning, S. W. Barker, M. T. Appleby, J. C. McKewn, R. L. Hart, W. R. Johnson.

On Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts.—Messrs. B. H. Wilson, M. T. Appleby, Nathaniel Heyward, C. Ryan Boyle, J. C. McKewn.

On the Legislative Library.—Messrs. Wm. Izard Bull, Edmund Rhett, Charles Alston, Jr., R. G. McCaw.

On the New State House.—Messrs. Wade Hampton, Edward B. Bryan, Samuel McAliley.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Federal Relations be instructed to report a Bill providing for a Convention of the People of this State.

Mr. RHETT offered a substitute providing for the call of a Convention and arranging the details thereof.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the consideration of the resolutions be postponed until to-morrow; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. J. Duncan Allen, Barker, Bull, Harrison, Johnson, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Simpson, Ware and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Hon. William D. Porter, President; Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Marshall, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner, Watson.

In the affirmative, 14.

In the negative, 30.

The motion to postpone, therefore, did not prevail.

The resolutions offered by the Senator from St. Helena (Mr. Rhett) were then withdrawn, and the resolution offered by the Senator from Claremont (Mr. Moses) was agreed to.

Resolutions in relation to the condition of the State, in its Federal relations and the duties growing out of them, were also offered by Mr. LESSESNE, one of the Senators from St. Philip's and St. Michael's, and by

Mr. HARRISON, the Senator from Anderson, and they were made the Special Order of the day for to morrow, at 1, P. M., and were ordered to be printed.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee appointed, on the part of the Senate, to count the ballots for electors of President and Vice President of the United States, reported that

Gen. WM. E. MARTIN, of Charleston, and

Col. ANDREW P. CALHOUN, of Anderson,

Were elected for the State at large, and the following gentlemen were elected for the Congressional Districts:

First—Mr. J. WILLIAMS.

Second—Col. T. Y. SIMONS.

Third—Col. G. P. ELLIOTT.

Fourth—Hon. TILLMAN WATSON.

Fifth—Gen. JOSEPH F. GIST.

Sixth—Hon. R. G. McCRAW.

Mr. HOPE offered a resolution requesting the Presiding Officers of the two Houses to inform the Governor of the foregoing election, which was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence a resolution as to the late appropriation for military contingencies, which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12, M.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at 15 minutes past 1, P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. DANTZLER offered the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Hon. Edmund Ruffin, a distinguished citizen of Virginia, who is now present in Columbia, be invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

At half past 12, P. M., the following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

MESSAGE NO. 2.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
COLUMBIA, Nov. 8, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

In recognizing the primary allegiance of every citizen to the State of South Carolina, the Federal Officers in her limits may be subjected to pecuniary loss by the forfeiture of their official bonds, if they should tender their resignations and they were not accepted. And it would be unjust for the State to require or permit the patriotic acts of the citizens to involve them in heavy pecuniary losses, which to some may be the loss of their entire estates.

I would therefore respectfully and earnestly recommend that the State should indemnify them for whatever losses they may sustain, by an act so honorable to themselves, and indicative of such devotion to her.

WM. H. GIST.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Message was ordered to lie on the table, and the Senator offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the sense of the General Assembly that the citizens of South Carolina who have held offices under the Federal Government, and who have resigned, or may hereafter resign the same, in consequence of the success of the Black Republican party in the late election for President of the United States, should be indemnified against all loss, from the breach of their official bonds, growing out of such resignation.

The resolution was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. GARLINGTON, from the Committee on Federal Relations, pursuant to the resolution adopted yesterday, reported

A Bill to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of this State.

The bill received the first reading, and the second reading was made the Special Order of the Day for to-morrow, at 1, P. M., and the bill was ordered to be printed.

At 1, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order of the day for this hour.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution :

Ordered, That the Special Order for one o'clock, this day, as to the Message of his Excellency the Governor, be discharged, and that so much of said Message as relates to the reorganization of the militia, the call for volunteers, and preparation for the defence of the State, be referred to the Committee on the Military; and that so much as relates to the call of a Convention of the people of this State be made the Special Order for tomorrow, at one o'clock, P. M.

The resolution was agreed to, and the order was made accordingly.

So much of the Special Order as refers to the resolutions offered by the Senators from St. Philip's and St. Michael's and Anderson, in reference to Federal Affairs, was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for tomorrow, at half-past 12, P. M.

Mr. MARSHALL offered the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to :

Resolved, That so much of the Message of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the "military defence of the State" be referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration the propriety of receiving, organizing, arming and equipping volunteers for immediate action, and putting the State in proper position for defence.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions in relation to a resolution, from the House of Representatives, on the subject of the appropriation of \$100,000 of the last session for military contingencies, recommending concurrence.

The report was immediately considered, and the resolution was concurred in and returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet tomorrow, at 12, M.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes past 1, P. M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A resolution in relation to notifying the Governor of the election of Electors of President and Vice President of the United States; and,

A resolution for payment of certain money to the State Printer, in which that House had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

A resolution providing for paying nineteen dollars to the late Reading Clerk, and nine to H. W. Rice, for services as *pro tempore* Messenger; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 9, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs the Senate that W. Cowper Inglis, A. P. Nicholson and Charles M. Gray have been respectively elected Reading Clerk, Messenger and Door Keeper of this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate, for concurrence, the report of the Special Committee of that House on the subject of a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, recommending the 21st instant for that purpose; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

At half-past 12, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the resolutions offered by himself in relation to Federal affairs, were ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. WILSON offered as a substitute for the resolutions offered by Mr. Harrison, the following:

Resolved, As the sense of this General Assembly, that the election of a Black Republican to the office of President of the United States is the

triumph and practical application of principles subversive of the Constitution of the United States, and incompatible with the peace and safety of the Southern States.

Resolved, That Mr. Lincoln, the head of that party, being now elected to fill that office, it is the duty of South Carolina to take prompt, decided and efficient measures to protect the lives and property of her citizens, and preserve her sovereign rights. And to this end that a Convention of the people of the State should be called at the present session of the Legislature. And that the election be held on Tuesday, which will be the sixth day of January next, and the Convention assemble on Tuesday, the thirteenth of the same month.

Resolved, That the Committees on the Military of the Senate and of the House of Representatives be instructed to meet during the recess and prepare a plan for arming the State, and for organizing a permanent Military Bureau; and that the said Committees be instructed to report by Bill to their respective Houses, on the first day of the reassembling of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means of the House, and of Finance and Banks of the Senate, be instructed to sit during the recess, and prepare a Bill for raising the supplies necessary to carry into effect the measures recommended by the Military Committee, and to report by Bill on the first day of the reassembling of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That a Commissioner be elected by joint ballot of the Senate and House of Representatives, to proceed immediately to Milledgeville, the seat of Government of the State of Georgia, whose Legislature is now in session, to announce to the Government of that State that South Carolina, impressed with a profound sense of the impending danger, will immediately put herself in a state of efficient military defence, and will order a Convention of the people of the State, to assemble at an early day, to consider and determine upon the measures proper to be adopted in this alarming condition of public affairs. That, animated by feelings of the strongest attachment to the institutions of the South, and believing that our future safety, security and repose will be completely and efficiently established by harmony of action on the part of the Southern States, we earnestly hope and trust that such, under the Divine guidance, may be the happy result of our mutual deliberations. That the Legislatures of the other Southern States not being now in session, his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to communicate these proceedings to the several Executives of said States, expressing our sentiments of attachment to the institutions of the South, and our ardent desire for the success of all measures for their preservation and perpetuity.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following as a substitute :

Resolved, That a just and reasonable regard for the security and welfare of the people of South Carolina requires that the State should withdraw from the Federal Union established by the Constitution of the United States, and for that purpose a Convention of the people ought to be called, to assemble at an early day, and in the mean time prompt measures should be taken and liberal appropriations made for obtaining a full supply of arms and munitions of war, and otherwise providing for the military defence of the State.

After some time spent in discussion, on motion of Mr. MOSES, all the resolutions were ordered to lie on the table.

The Senate proceeded to the second reading of

A Bill to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of the State.

The Bill having been read, the question of agreeing thereto being a Constitutional question, was taken by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyck, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson, Wilson.

In the negative,

Mr. McAliley.

Affirmative, 44; negative, 1.

Two-thirds of the whole representation in the Senate voting in the affirmative, the Bill was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. WATSON, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. WATSON, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes past 2, P. M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication :

COLUMBIA, Nov. 10, 1860.

To the Honorable the President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

I herewith resign the appointment of United States Senator from South Carolina.

JAMES CHESNUT, JR.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on the Military and Pensions, to which had been referred so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to arming the State, reported

A Bill to provide for the reception of Volunteers, and for other purposes.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday next, at half past 12, P. M., and to be printed.

Leave of absence was granted to the Senators from Anderson and Pickens on and after this day.

Mr. RHETT presented the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, on the report of the Special Committee of the House of Representatives, recommending a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer.

The report was ordered for immediate consideration, and the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act, entitled "An Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes," ratified on the 21st day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to arm the State.

Mr. RHETT gave notice that on Monday next he will move to suspend the 32d rule of the Senate for the remainder of the Session.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate at 2, P. M., suspended business until 7, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the President resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. LESESNE presented the following preamble and resolutions, adopted at a meeting of the citizens of Charleston, on the 9th inst.

Whereas, It is now certain that Mr. LINCOLN has been elected President of the United States, and whereas, that election determines the fact that the powers of this Government are in the hands of a section only of this Union, and of a section implacably hostile to our interests and our institutions; We, citizens of Charleston, deeming it our privilege to express to the General Assembly of this State, in session now, our hopes and wishes upon this emergency, and deeming a call of a Convention to consider of secession, a measure eminently demanded by the exigencies of this occasion, be it therefore

Resolved, That it be urged upon the General Assembly to promptly call a Convention of the people of this State, to meet at the earliest possible moment, and sever our connection with the present Government.

Resolved, That copies of the foregoing resolutions be sent by telegraph to our Senators and Representatives in that Assembly, with the request to place them before their respective Houses.

The resolutions were read, and were referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of this State, which had been twice read in the Senate, and twice read in the House of Representatives.

The Bill received the third reading, and on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays having been taken, pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

The Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Bull, Cannon, Dautzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyck, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson, Wilson.

In the affirmative, 42.

In the negative, none.

Two-thirds of the whole representation in the Senate voting in the affirmative, the Bill was passed, the title was changed, and it was called an Act, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday next, at 12, M.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at half past 7, P. M.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1860.

The Senate met 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following resolution, from the House of Representatives, was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives:

Resolved unanimously, That the resignation of the Hon James Chesnut as one of the United States Senators from the State of South Carolina be accepted, and that what, under other circumstances, would have been regarded as a matter of regret, is now recognized as an act of loyalty and devotion to the sovereignty of South Carolina.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sitting of the present Called Session shall adjourn tomorrow, at 12, M.

Resolved, That the sitting of the Regular Session, on the 4th Monday in November instant, shall commence at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. PALMER presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill from the House of Representatives to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act, entitled "An Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes," ratified on the 21st day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, recommending that the bill do not pass.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the report be ordered for consideration on the

second day of the Constitutional Session; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Mazyck, McCaw, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, Simpson, Wagner.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Blakeney, Boyle, Bryan, Bull, Cannon, Fickling, Furman, Hart, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Manning, Marshall, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Rhett, Sessions, Watson, Wilson.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 23.

The motion to postpone, therefore, did not prevail.

The report was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill was taken up for the second reading.

Mr. BRYAN moved that the Bill be postponed until the next session of the Legislature, which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Bryan, Cannon, Pantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Mazyck, McCaw, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, Simpson, Ware, Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Blakeney, Boyle, Bull, Fickling, Furman, Hart, Irby, Johnson, Manning, Marshall, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Wagner, Wilson.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 21.

The motion to postpone did not, therefore, prevail.

Mr. MARSHALL moved to strike out the second section, which was in the following words:

SEC. 2. That the second section of an Act, entitled "An Act to provide against the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State," passed on the eighteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, be, and the same is hereby, suspended until the first day of January, which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Bryan, Cannon, Dantz-

ler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, Mazyek, McCaw, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, Wagner, Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Blakeney, Boyle, Bull, Fickling, Furman, Hart, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Manning, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Simpson, Ware, Wilson.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 22.

The motion to amend, therefore, did not prevail.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Blakeney, Boyle, Bryan, Bull, Fickling, Furman, Harrison, Hart, Irby, Johnson, Manning, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson, Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, Mazyek, McCaw, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Roberds.

In the affirmative, 25.

In the negative, 18.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. BOYKIN offered the following resolution, which was considered and agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That the State Printer be authorized to print the proceedings of the Conventions of this State, held in 1832, 1833 and 1852, and bind the same with the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of this Session, and that two hundred copies of the same shall be ready by the regular meeting of the Legislature, for the use of the members.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the presiding officers of each branch of this General Assembly do issue to the Clerks of their Houses respectively, a pay bill for the sum of three hundred dollars; and to each of the other officers of each House a pay bill for the same per diem and mileage as are by law allowed to the members of the General Assembly; the same to be compensation for the services of each of said officers and their assistants during the present extra Session.

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, be authorized to issue to the Librarian and to the Clerks of the Solicitors, each a pay bill for the same per diem as is by law allowed to a member of the General Assembly, as a compensation for the services of the said Librarian and Clerks during the present extra Session.

The resolutions were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of that House, recommending the following resolution :

Resolved, That business begun at an Extra or Regular Session of the same Legislature may be continued over in the same state or order to another Session thereof, whether regular or adjourned.

The report and resolution were considered and concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Committees on the Military, of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, be, and are hereby, instructed to sit as a Joint Committee during the recess, and to prepare a plan for arming the State, for organizing a permanent military bureau, and for such a reorganization of the militia as they may think expedient or necessary. And that the said Committee be instructed to report by Bill to their respective Houses on the first day of the reassembling of the General Assembly.

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed by the House, and the Committee of Finance and Banks be instructed by the Senate, to sit as a Joint Committee during the recess, and prepare a scheme for raising the supplies necessary to carry into effect the measures recommended by the Military Committee, and that the Committee of Ways and Means be, and is hereby, instructed by the House of Representatives to report by Bill in that House on the first day of the reassembling of the General Assembly.

The Senate concurred in the resolutions, and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution :

Resolved, That the General Assembly do fix upon Tuesday next, November 13, at 12, Meridian, for its adjournment *sine die*.

The resolution was considered and concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to provide for the reception of Volunteers, and for other purposes, which had been made the Special Order for to-day, at half-past 12 o'clock, was, on motion of Mr. MAN-

NING, recommitted to the Committee on Military and Pensions, with instructions to sit during the recess, and report as early as practicable in the next session.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at half-past 3, P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1860.

The Senate met at 10, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. RHETT, pursuant to notice, the 33d Rule of the Senate was suspended.

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act, entitled "An Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes," ratified on the 21st day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, received the third reading in the Senate; the Bill was passed; the title was changed, and it was called an Act, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. IRBY called the attention of the Senate to the fact that a resolution authorizing the payment of nineteen dollars to Wm. M. Martin, late Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives, and nine dollars to H. W. Rice, late Messenger of the House of Representatives, had been received from the House of Representatives and referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances, but that the Committee had not considered the same.

Mr. IRBY moved that the Senate do concur in the resolution, and the same was ordered.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor:

MESSAGE NO. 3.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Columbia, November 13, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I herewith transmit the resignation of the Hon. James H. Hammond, a Senator of the United States from the State of South Carolina.

WM. H. GIST.

REDCLIFFE, November 11, 1860.

SIR:—Permit me to resign to you, and through you to the Senate and

House of Representatives of the State of South Carolina, my commission as United States Senator.

I have the honor to be

Your obedient servant,

J. H. HAMMOND.

His Excellency W. H. GIST, Columbia, S. C.

The Message was ordered to lie on the table, and Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution, which was agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved unanimously, That the resignation of the Hon. James H. Hammond, as one of the United States Senators from the State of South Carolina be accepted, and that what, under other circumstances, would have been regarded as a matter of regret, is now recognized as an act of loyalty and devotion to the sovereignty of South Carolina.

Mr. MOSES moved that a Message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to rescind the joint resolution for the adjournment of the General Assembly at 12, M., and proposing 11, A. M., in lieu thereof.

To this the House of Representatives returned the following reply :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 13, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of the Senate to rescind the resolution to adjourn this General Assembly, and, in lieu thereof, that the General Assembly be adjourned this day, at 11, A. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the following report :

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts beg leave to report : That the following Acts have passed the General Assembly, have been engrossed, and are now ready for ratification, to wit : An " Act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of this State," and an " Act to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act, entitled an Act for the suspension of certain acts, and for other purposes, ratified on the twenty-first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes."

Mr. SIMPSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives, invit-

ing that House to attend in the Senate Chamber for the purpose of ratifying the Acts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 13, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the following resolution by striking out "two" and inserting "five:"

Resolved, That the State Printer be authorized to print the proceedings of the Conventions of this State held in 1832, 1833 and 1852, and bind the same in the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly of this Session, and that two hundred copies of the same shall be ready by the regular meeting of the Legislature, for the use of the members.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Senate concurred and returned a Message accordingly, and immediately thereafter, the House of Representatives returned to the Senate the resolution which had been amended by leave, and concurred in by that House.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence the following resolutions :

A resolution constituting the Richland delegation in the Senate and House of Representatives a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for the meeting of the Convention on the 17th of December proximo.

A resolution authorizing the Governor to arm any volunteer companies complying with certain conditions.

The resolutions were considered and concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution :

Resolved unanimously, That the resignation of Hon. James H. Hammond as a United States Senator from the State of South Carolina be accepted, and that his prompt severance of connection with a government about to pass into the hands of the Black Republican party, the enemy of the Constitution and the South, is at once worthy of his high character, and a proof of his filial devotion to his native State.

The resolution was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. CANNON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Military be instructed to inquire as

to the expediency of providing a more efficient system of patrol and police, and report by Bill or otherwise.

The resolution was considered and agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
November 13, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully accepts the invitation of the Senate to join that body forthwith in their chamber, in order to ratify the Acts passed at this session of the General Assembly.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives be, and are hereby, instructed to publish the "Act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of this State" in one newspaper in each Election District in the State, once a week, until the day of election of the delegates to said Convention; and that it is the sense of this General Assembly that the Managers of Election are bound to proceed to give the usual notice of election, and to hold the same as directed by said Act, without awaiting further instructions.

The resolution was agreed to, and returned to the House of Representatives.

At ten minutes to 11 A., M., the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were ratified in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly:

An "Act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the people of this State;" and,

An "Act to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act entitled an Act for the suspension of certain Acts and for other purposes, ratified on the twenty-first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and for other purposes."

The PRESIDENT announced that in accordance with the expressed wishes of the Senate, he would take the Chair on Monday of the regular Session at 7, P. M.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a Message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that House that the Senate had disposed of the business of the present session of the General Assembly, and was now ready to adjourn.

A similar Message, delivered in a similar manner, was immediately thereafter received from the House of Representatives, and at 11, A. M., of this Tuesday, the 13th day of November, A. D. 1860, and ninth day of the Session,

The PRESIDENT, pursuant to the order previously made, (Mr. MOSES moving therefor,) announced the present Session of the General Assembly adjourned *sine die*.



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SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1860.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of South Carolina, begun and holden at Columbia, the twenty-sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, being the fourth Monday in November, the day fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the General Assembly.

At 7 P. M., pursuant to the order of the Senate, the Senators assembled in the Senate Chamber in the Capitol at Columbia.

The Hon. W. D. PORTER, Senator from St. Philip's and St. Michael's, and President of the Senate, took the Chair, and the roll having been called by the Clerk, the following Senators, from the following Election Districts, answered to their names, viz :

Hon. W. D. Porter, *President*,

" J. Duncan Allen,

" Charles Alston, Jr.,

" M. T. Appleby,

" S. W. Barker,

" Dixon Barnes,

" Robert Beaty,

" J. W. Blakeney,

" A. Hamilton Boykin,

" Olin M. Dantzler,

" I. K. Furman,

" A. C. Garlington,

" Wade Hampton,

St. Philip's and St. Michael's.

Barnwell.

All Saints.

St. George's, Dorchester.

St. John's, Berkeley.

Lancaster.

Union.

Chesterfield.

Kershaw.

St. Matthew's.

St. Thomas' and St. Dennis'.

Newberry.

Richland.

Hon. Jas. W. Harrison,	Anderson.
“ R. L. Hart,	Darlington.
“ John C. Hope,	Lexington.
“ Charles Irby,	Marlboro’.
“ G. D. Keitt,	Orange.
“ R. J. Manning,	Clarendon.
“ A. Mazyck,	St. James’, Santee.
“ Samuel McAliley,	Chester.
“ R. G. McCaw,	York.
“ J. C. McKewn,	St. James’, Goose Creek.
“ S. J. Montgomery,	Williamsburg.
“ F. J. Moses,	Claremont.
“ E. G. Palmer,	Fairfield.
“ Edmund Rhett,	St. Helena.
“ W. G. Roberds,	St. Peter’s.
“ F. J. Sessions,	Kingston.
“ Elam Sharpe,	Pickens.
“ W. D. Simpson,	Laurens.
“ T. Edwin Ware,	Greenville.
“ Tillman Watson,	Edgefield.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a Message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that House that the Senate had met, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, a quorum being present, and was then ready to proceed with the business of the General Assembly.

Immediately thereafter a similar Message, delivered in a similar manner, was received from the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a Committee was appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of Senators being present, the Senate had met, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution, and was now ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make to them.

Messrs. MOSES, GARLINGTON and MCKEWN were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o’clock.

Mr. ALSTON presented the report of the Joint Committee on the Military of the Senate and House of Representatives, on the subject of arming the State, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. ALSTON, from the same Committee, reported a Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance and Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, reported that the Committee had performed the duty assigned to them, and that his Excellency the Governor had informed them he would be prepared to communicate with the Senate at 1 P. M., to-morrow.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the memorial of R. Douglass & Co., for charter of a City Railway Company in Charleston, which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. ALLEN submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury for Barnwell district, Fall Term, 1860, which was read and was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District, in relation to Free persons of Color; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; and, also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Claremont for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the petition of the Broad River Board of Commissioners of Fish Sluices, for widening of the Fish Sluices in that river; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and, also,

The Annual Report of the Commissioner of the New State House; which was referred to the Committee on the New State House, and was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at half-past 7, P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS.

The following Senators appeared in their seats:

Hon. Gabriel Cannon,	Spartanburg.
“ James E. DeLoach,	Prince William's.
“ F. W. Fickling,	St. Luke's.
“ Nath. Heyward,	St. Bartholomew's.

Hon. Henry D. Lesesne,	St. Philip's and St. Michael's.
“ S. W. Palmer,	St. Stephen's.
“ Thos. M. Wagner,	Christ Church.
“ Benj. H. Wilson,	Prince George's, Winyaw.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Clerks of the Senate and House, in relation to the publication of certain Bills; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Proposals for the Public Printing; which were referred to a Special Committee, consisting of Messrs. Allen, Boykin, Garlington, Keitt and McCaw, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking the appointment of a similar committee.

Mr. McCaw presented the petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying for an increase of the powers and jurisdiction of the Ordinary; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for York District for 1860.

Mr. BEATY submitted presentment of Grand Jury of Union District, March Term, 1860, relating to itinerant salesmen and traveling agents; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HOPE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools of Lexington District for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on College, Education and Religion; also,

So much of presentment of Grand Jury of Lexington, Spring Term, 1860, as relates to the pay of State's witnesses; read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools of the following Districts and Parishes, for 1860, were presented by the following gentlemen, and were referred to the Committee on College, Education and Religion;

By Mr. WARE, of Greenville District.

By Mr. GARLINGTON, of Newberry District.

By Mr. HARRISON, of Anderson District.

By Mr. PALMER, of Fairfield District.

By Mr. ALLEN, of Barnwell District, for 1859 and 1860.

By Mr. WATSON, of Edgefield District, for 1860.

By Mr. BARNES, of Lancaster District.

By Mr. BARKER, of St. John's, Berkeley, Parish.

By Mr. SESSIONS, of Kingston Parish.

By Mr. RHETT, of St. Helena Parish.

By Mr. FICKLING, of St. Luke's Parish.

By Mr. WILLIAMS, of St. Bartholomew's Parish.

Mr. LESESNE presented the following papers, which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

Petition of John Horlbeck against the erection of a bridge over Mazyckboro' Creek, in the city of Charleston.

Memorial of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, praying legislation touching the Usury Laws.

Petition of City Council of Charleston, praying that the fines for violation of the laws in relation to selling liquor without license, and unlawful trading with negroes within said city, be paid into the City Treasury.

Account of McCarter & Dawson, for 62 copies, 12th Vol., Richardson's Law Reports; also,

Account for reprinting Law and Equity Reports.

Memorial of John Webb, and other corporators of Railroad Accommodation Wharf, to erect a draw-bridge across Mazyckboro' Creek.

Also, the following papers, which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts:

Petition of South Carolina Jockey Club, for a renewal of their charter.

Petition of the Lafayette Artillery of Charleston, praying a renewal of their charter.

Petition of William Lebby and others, praying an incorporation of the West Point Mill Company.

Also, the following papers, which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks:

Petition of Eliza M. Bonneau, Executrix of John Ewing Bonneau, for renewal of Certificate of State 3 per cent. Stock, lost or mislaid.

Petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby, for a renewal of lost Certificates of 6 per cent. Stock, Nos. 291 and 318.

Petition of Jacob F. Schirmer, for a new Certificate of State Stock, in place of one lost or mislaid; also,

Report of the Commission on rates of wharfage, storage, &c., for the port of Charleston; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and Mechanic Arts.

Mr. LESESNE also gave notice that he will ask leave tomorrow to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the West Point Mill Company.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Nov. 27, 1860.

To the Hon. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs the Senate that it concurs in the proposition of that body to appoint a Joint Committee on Public Printing, and has appointed Messrs. Joseph Johnson, Jr., T. B. Fraser, C. H. Suber, J.

J. Lucas, T. P. Lide, W. Alston Hayne, W. C. Davis, a Committee of this House to act with the Committee of the Senate.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. WAGNER presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools of Christ Church Parish for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HAMPTON gave notice that he will tomorrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate The New Building and Loan Association.

Mr. HOPE submitted so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lexington, Spring Term, 1860, as relates to the system of retailing spirituous liquors; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

So much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lexington, Spring Term, 1860, as relates to slaves having standing orders for the purchase of spirituous liquors; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; also,

So much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lexington, Spring Term, 1860, as relates to the incorporation of the village of Lexington; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. PALMER presented the petition of Jas. W. Harrison, for finding and burying the body of George Keerison; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, praying that the title to certain lots in the town of Cheraw may be vested in her; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of the citizens of Barnwell, praying an extension of the limit of their corporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of Joshua Lazarus and others, praying an act of incorporation of the Charleston Railroad Company of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; also,

Petition of Ladies' Benevolent Society, for renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; also,

Petition of Commissioned Officers of the Companies composing the First Regiment of Artillery, asking an appropriation for proper gun sheds; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. HARRISON presented the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for Public Printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. WARE presented the petition of M. D. Dickey and O. Borrett, praying a renewal of their lease of the Saluda Turnpike Road; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of Richard Williams and wife, for compensation for property escheated and granted by the State; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the petition of John W. Arnold, Sheriff of Laurens District, praying compensation for blankets furnished prisoners in jail; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The petition of sundry citizens of Laurens, praying the establishment of an additional election precinct in said district; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

At 1, P. M., Message No. 1 was communicated to the Senate, and was read at the Clerk's desk.

MESSAGE NO. 1.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

Nothing has transpired, since your recent Extra Session, that requires any special notice. The past year has been remarkable for the unprecedented health with which our citizens have been blessed; and, although the crop, both of cotton and grain, is again a short one, yet with a wise economy, very little, if any, breadstuffs will have to be imported from other States, and the cotton crop will, in all probability, enable the planter to meet his ordinary liabilities by bringing a fair and remunerating price. For all these favors, and particularly for our good health, we should always bear in mind the source from whence they come, and, with grateful hearts and earnest voices, send up to the throne of grace our sincere thanks for such rich blessings, so liberally bestowed upon us. And while we appoint days of humiliation and prayer, and invoke each other to observe them, let us not forget that we, too, should call upon God to sustain us in this crisis of our country's history, and give us the wisdom to plan, and the energy to perfect our own, and contribute to the deliverance of the South.

In providing for the "Improvement of the Port of Charleston, and the dredging in the Beach or Maffit Channel," the Legislature made an appropriation of \$30,000, but for some reason, the report naming Commissioners to superintend the work, and agreed to by both Houses, was mislaid, and as it was evidently the intention of the Legislature to have the work carried on, having appropriated funds for the purpose, I took the responsibility of appointing Commissioners to superintend the work, and selected those that were named in the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives.

CATAWBA INDIANS.—In my last annual message, I recommended that a small appropriation be made to pay the traveling expenses of two or three of the head men of the Catawbas, who desired to go on a visit to examine the Choctaw country, and report to the tribe on their return, hoping that a favorable report might induce them all to remove West. In this expectation, I have not been disappointed. The appropriation of five hundred dollars, in consequence of the excitement and pressure of business at the last session, not being placed in a condition to be drawn from the treasury by the Indian Agent, it became necessary for me to advance the money out of the contingent fund of the Executive Department, and Mr. D. J. Rice, Indian Agent, accompanied by Allan and John Harris, two of the chiefs, started on the 16th July last, to visit and examine the Choctaw country, and returned on the 29th August. Unfortunately, Allan Harris died soon after his arrival at their destination; but notwithstanding this great calamity, John Harris was so pleased with the country, and the reception he met with, that he determined to remain, and has written such a flattering letter to his tribe, depicting the great advantages to be derived from a removal to that country, and this account has been so fully indorsed and confirmed by the Indian Agent, that forty-seven out of the fifty-five of the Indians living in the nation in this State, have agreed to remove, and have signed a petition to Gov. B. Lefflore and the Choctaw Council, praying for admission into the Choctaw nation. The Council met on the 1st Monday in October last, and although no information has been received by me of their decision, yet from the opinion of the Indian Agent, derived from frequent conversations with the leading men, there is no reasonable doubt but their application has been favorably received by the Council, and citizenship granted to them on favorable terms, considering the advantages that will be enjoyed by the almost extinct Catawba tribe. The Congress of the United States made an appropriation of five thousand dollars in the year 1855, to remove the Catawba Indians; but, as it was not called for, it lapsed into the general treasury in July, 1857, and cannot be used without a re-appropriation by Congress. My recommendation at the last session, that an application be made to Congress for a re-appropriation, must be now withdrawn, and we must look to South Carolina alone to furnish the means for their removal. With this statement of facts, the matter is left to your discretion, and you can best judge whether funds can be now spared to effect so desirable an object.

STATE GEOLOGIST.—Oscar M. Lieber has, on the second of April last, tendered to me his resignation as State Geologist. Although at the last session of the Legislature the office was continued for the current year, and Mr. Lieber appointed to fill it, yet the appropriation for his salary and

expenses was stricken from the appropriation bill, and he had no alternative but to resign, or serve the State gratuitously. Upon consultation with me, I advised Mr. Lieber not to resign until he had completed the last report, that it might, together with those previously published, embrace the statements concerning everything of importance which had been observed or effected during the four years of his service. He has also prepared a glossary and index for the four reports, without which their value would be greatly lessened. Three months has been necessary to perfect the report, index, &c., and I recommend that he be paid for said services in proportion to his salary.

DIRECT TRADE.—There can be no difference of opinion on the great importance of establishing direct trade between Charleston and Liverpool, or any other country with which we can exchange commodities. In the Union, it was important and necessary to our commercial prosperity to divert a part of the commerce of the world from New York and other Northern Cities to the City of Charleston, and thus build up a great commercial emporium, with ability to supply our own and the merchants of the neighboring States, with a cheap and well filled market; from which in turn, they could supply their customers in the interior towns and villages.

In view of the secession of South Carolina from the Union, it becomes doubly important, and absolutely necessary, that we must have direct trade with Europe and the continent; and as a large amount of capital is necessary, and there will be some risk in the beginning of such an enterprise, I would recommend that the Legislature should to some extent foster and encourage such enterprises by taking upon themselves a part of the losses that might follow the effort to establish direct trade. Some enterprising citizens of Charleston propose to establish a line of Steam Propellers between Charleston and Liverpool, and ask the State to guarantee an interest of five per cent. per annum, upon the capital invested in the Steamers, as long as they shall continue in the service. This seems to me to be a very fair and reasonable proposition. It cannot possibly be a speculation on the part of its projectors, because in no event will they receive more than five per cent. on their investment, when money can in ordinary times be loaned in safe hands at seven per cent., and at this time at a much higher rate of interest. If the enterprise should turn out to be profitable, the State will have nothing to pay, and the certainty that the parties will realize five per cent. under any circumstances, will certainly not prevent them from using great exertions to make a larger dividend. The benefits are not confined to the city of Charleston alone: every thing that facilitates commerce and cheapens merchandize will benefit alike all parts of the State, and should meet with gen-

eral encouragement. If it is feared that these steamers may be continued in the service after all hope of profit has ceased, and a perpetual tax thus entailed upon the State, provision may be made for discontinuing them in a given time, or some other safeguards may in the wisdom of the Legislature be thrown around the enterprise, so as to prevent any unnecessary and useless expenditure of public money.

THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.—This Institution, under the excellent management of Dr. Parker and the Regents, has realized more than could have been expected, or even hoped for from its founders; and the curative results of the present year surpass the success of former years, and compare favorably with the reports of the best Insane Hospitals in other States. No accident has occurred since your last meeting, and no epidemic disease has, to any extent, visited the Asylum. At the beginning of the year there were 194 patients, 69 have been received since, making the number under treatment 263; of whom, 37 have been sent home cured, 8 removed, and 26 died, leaving 162. Of those who died, a large majority were marked in last year's Tabular Statement as infirm in body, and hopelessly insane. Many applications of males, for admission from other States, were made, and had to be refused for want of room; and for the same reason, male slaves from our own State could not be received.

I would respectfully suggest, that humanity and good policy dictate that the accommodations should be further increased, until room enough is prepared for at least all sexes and colors in our own State. South Carolina, in view of the bright career of greatness and glory that awaits her, should not be indifferent or insensible to the sufferings of the humblest of her children, but extend her maternal hand to lessen and alleviate their sufferings

THE LAWS.—In looking forward to the separate nationality of South Carolina, many changes will have to be made in existing laws, a part of which, you no doubt, will be directed to do, by an ordinance of the Convention of the people soon to assemble; but it may not be improper to bring to your notice the importance of a speedy postal arrangement, to supply the one under the control of the Federal Government. I am authorized to say, that the Postmaster at Charleston, Hon. Alfred Huger, than whom a purer patriot never lived, will, as soon as the State resumes her sovereignty by an ordinance of her Convention, sever his connection with the Federal Government, and obey any call the State may make upon him for his services. This movement, together with the resignation of all the other postmasters, will enable the State to act without embarrassment, in establishing for herself postal arrangements. As a temporary expedient, an arrangement

might be made with the Adams Express Company, to carry the mails, until a postal arrangement of a permanent character could be established, the details of which, must, to some extent, depend upon the action of other Southern States.

The duties of the Governor in future, will necessarily be arduous and responsible, and he should at all times be accessible to the people who may have official business to transact with him. My experience satisfies me, that it will require all the time of the Executive, with such help as may be given him by a secretary and clerk, to discharge the responsible duties that will devolve on him in the new position, as Chief of an independent State; and I therefore recommend that the salary of the Governor be increased; that he be furnished with a house and furniture, and be required to reside in the town of Columbia; also, that the salary of his private Secretary be increased, to enable him to command the services, not only of a mere scribe, but of an intelligent, active, and educated gentleman, who will be capable of conducting any correspondence, with the mere revision of his Chief. He should also have a clerk or copyist to do the copying that may be necessary, and such other duties as may be required of him.

There seems to be no longer any reason why the State should have two Treasuries. It requires two sets of officers to do what one could readily and easily perform; and Columbia is now so accessible from all parts of the State, no inconvenience could possibly arise from uniting the Treasuries there. The Treasurer should also be required to reside in Columbia, and not depend upon a Deputy to discharge the duties of the office. The practice now is, to elect a Treasurer with a salary sufficient to enable him to employ a competent deputy, and still save money for himself. The responsible duties of the office are not performed by the one chosen by the Legislature on account of his fitness and qualifications, but by a man chosen by the Treasurer, and responsible to him alone; and although the Treasurer is himself responsible to the Legislature for the faithful performance of the duties of his office, yet the mischief done by the deputy may be irremediable, the State suffer, and the officer be ruined.

The law prohibiting masters from permitting negroes to hire their own time, and make contracts, should be so amended, and such penalties attached to its violation, that no one would venture to disregard it. Without suggesting the particular penalty, I would recommend that both the owner of the slave and the party that hires him or her, should be punished by fine or imprisonment, according to the mitigating or aggravating circumstances that attend the case. Some inconvenience will no doubt arise from such an enactment, and it may be necessary to make some exceptional cases; for instance, the express or implied contract with a black porter to carry your trunk or car-

pet bag, or go on an errand; but this may be done, and yet much good result from the general law on the subject.

It not unfrequently happens that slave mechanics hire white men to work under their direction, and for their benefit, and thus instead of exercising a control over that class of population, some are placed under obligations to them. This state of things should not be permitted; there must be a distinction between the races, as marked as their different colors, and it must be distinctly and universally understood that the white is the governing race, without an exception, and without regard to disparity of intellect, merit or acquirements.

The general recognition by the citizens of South Carolina of their allegiance to the State, and that obedience to the Federal Government ceases as soon as the State withdraws from the Union and asserts her sovereignty, satisfies me that she will have no traitors in her limits; but a wise precaution can result in no harm, and may be the means of advertising our people that if any of them should be so forgetful of their duty to their sovereign, and so reckless of his displeasure as to disregard her ordinances, or obey any other commands than those of the constituted authorities of the State, they will be dealt with as traitors and punished accordingly. In view, therefore, of such a contingency, some legislation may be necessary in more particularly defining treason to the State, and affixing the proper punishment for the offence. South Carolina must insist upon the implicit obedience of all her citizens, both native and naturalized, and no one can be permitted to put his individual construction upon the relation he bears to the State of his birth or adoption. The obligation of the citizens of South Carolina to obey the laws of the Federal Government was created by the act of the State entering the Union under the compact entered into by the sovereign parties to it, and it follows that upon the withdrawal of the State, the obligation is no longer binding. The secession of a State cannot, in the proper use of terms, be called a revolutionary movement. It is true there will to some extent be a change of Government, such as dissolving a compact between sovereigns in which it was stipulated that the citizens or subjects of each State or nation should perform certain duties, which, before the agreement of the high contracting parties they were not required to perform, or abstain from the exercise of certain rights, which they have previously enjoyed; but this dissolution of a compact does not imply rebellion, which, if successful is revolution, and which, if unsuccessful, subjects the citizens to punishment for committing treason. Why are we at this moment citizens of the United States? Because South Carolina in her sovereign capacity made us so, by a compact entered into with the other States, which, when united, were called the United States, and it follows that when the power that ordered us to obey the Government of the United States, and which alone had the right

to create that relationship, releases us from that obligation by withdrawing from the league, our obedience is no longer due to that Government, and our allegiance to the State as our lawful sovereign is unquestionable and undivided.

The introduction of slaves from other States, which may not become members of the Southern Confederacy, and particularly the border States, should be prohibited by legislative enactment, and by this means they will be brought to see that their safety depends upon a withdrawal from their enemies, and an union with their friends and natural allies. If they should continue their union with the non-slaveholding States, let them keep their slave property in their own borders, and the only alternative left them will be emancipation by their own act, or by the action of their confederates. We cannot consent to relieve them from their embarrassing situation, by permitting them to realize the money value for their slaves, by selling them to us, and thus prepare them, without any loss of property, to accommodate themselves to the Northern free soil idea. But should they unite their destiny with us, and become stars in the Southern galaxy—members of a great Southern Confederation—we will receive them with open arms and an enthusiastic greeting. Should, then, danger approach their borders, or an enemy, open or disguised, make war upon them, there is not a doubt but a living rampart of freemen, from the Atlantic to the Gulf of Mexico, would line their borders and beat back the invaders.

To dispense with the necessity, as much as may be possible, of resorting to lynch law and illegal executions, in punishing offenders against the peace of society and the safety of our citizens, I would suggest the enactment of a law, punishing summarily and severely, if not with death, any person that circulates incendiary documents, avows himself an abolitionist, or in any way attempts to create insubordination or insurrection among the slaves. If some act of this kind is not passed, the people, goaded to madness by the frequent attempts to disturb their quiet and destroy their property and lives, will not, under excitement, be very careful in measuring the punishment they inflict, and it is to be feared that the innocent may suffer with the guilty, and scenes of violence and blood-shed too frequently occur. With the knowledge that there is a law to reach the cases, the legal tribunals of the State will be first appealed to, and in most cases their decision will be satisfactory to the people, made, as it will be, under oath and with time for reflection and examination.

There are many other amendments to the laws that suggest themselves to my mind; such as requiring a white man to reside at all times on any plantation, without regard to the number of hands—a change in the road laws, imposing a tax in the place of days work—the repeal of the Usury Laws, &c., &c., but these are comparatively unimportant, in view of the now

certain action of the Convention soon to meet, which will devolve on you the construction of a government suitable to the new order of things, with all its ramifications.

RESOLUTIONS.—The Resolution of the General Assembly directing the Governor to communicate to all the slaveholding States certain Resolutions adopted unanimously, expressing the opinion they should immediately meet together to concert measures for united action, was soon after the adjournment acted upon, and copies of the Resolutions sent to every Southern State. Mississippi and Alabama were the only States that agreed to meet South Carolina in Convention, and as no delegates had been appointed by the Legislature, I did not feel authorized to make an appointment without there had been a general agreement of the Southern States to meet. Had such been the case, I would either have convened the Legislature to appoint delegates, or have taken the responsibility of appointing them myself. The consequence was, no Convention met, and each State was left to act for herself, and upon her own responsibility.

The Resolution authorizing the Governor "to have the documents and correspondence of the officers of the Palmetto Regiment, and the casualties of the Regiment, recorded in a suitable book and placed among the archives of the Executive department," has been carried out, and the book is now in the Executive office, subject to the inspection of the members of the Legislature. B. F. Arthur, Esq., of Union, was employed to do the work, and I am pleased to say it has been done in a very creditable and satisfactory manner. Much more labor was necessary than the mere "recording" the correspondence. It required the reading and re-reading of all the papers, and the exercise of a correct judgment in the arrangement, not only chronologically, but with reference to the necessary connection of the whole volume. The book has been neatly and durably bound, and will for years to come be a book of reference, not only for the descendants of those that dispelled the delusion of the North, that the chivalry of South Carolina would not fight, but for the whole of our people, who claim a share of the glory they achieved for their country, and wish to imitate their example. I recommend that a liberal appropriation be made to compensate the compiler for his work.

Another Resolution which passed the General Assembly unanimously, requesting the Governor to procure a suitable sword and present it to Capt. N. G. Evans, of the United States Army, on behalf of this State, as a testimonial of his gallant conduct at the battle of Wichita, and of the estimation in which he is held by the State, has been attended to, and the sword designed for Capt. Evans is now in the Executive office, ready for presentation, and would have been forwarded to him, but for the suggestion of his

friends, that as soon as South Carolina severed her connection with the Federal Government, he would resign his commission and repair to her standard to receive the sword in person, and wield it in defence of his native State.

Gen. Williams, of Newberry, was employed by me to compile the Militia and Patrol laws of the State, under a resolution of the last Session, and the work being done in a satisfactory manner, I recommend that he be paid for his services.

The duty imposed on the Governor, under a Resolution in relation to the surveys and estimates by Maj. McCalla, for the Greenville and French Broad Rail Road Company, have been complied with by the appointment of J. S. Farrow, Esq., one of the Commissioners, whose duty it was, in concert with four other persons, appointed, as prescribed in the resolution, to enquire and report upon the accuracy of the surveys and estimates made by R. C. McCalla, for the Greenville and French Broad Rail Road Company, of Nov. 15, 1859, for the construction of a rail road from Spartanburg C. H., S. C., to Asheville, N. C., &c., and to have their report printed and placed upon the desks of the members of the two Houses.

By the direction of the Legislature in the form of a Resolution, I have appointed two merchants and two wharf-holders of Charleston, who, with the President of the Chamber of Commerce, constitute a commission, who are instructed to enquire and ascertain what are reasonable rates of wharfage, dockage, storage, weighing, &c., for the port of Charleston, and they are directed to report to your bodies at the present session.

For a detailed account of the finances of the State, you are referred to the Reports of the Comptroller General and the President of the Bank of the State.

The condition and resources of the South Carolina Banks, and of the whole South, bear a very favorable comparison with the Northern Banks. A northern writer puts down the aggregate amount of specie in the Northern Banks \$47,670,759; Circulation, \$156,068,830; Deposits, \$196,577,950. In the Southern Banks, specie, \$35,923,778; Circulation, \$51,033,647; Deposits, \$57,224,179. Showing that while the circulation and deposits of the Northern Banks are seven times greater than the specie in their vaults, the circulation and deposits of the Southern Banks are only three times as much as their specie, and their circulation alone only one and a half the amount of their specie.

All the banks in the State, judging from their reports, are in a safe and sound condition, and prepared to meet all their liabilities promptly, unless some commercial crisis takes place, which may for a time cripple their resources and make it difficult for them to meet all their engagements. It was proposed at the Extra Session to raise four hundred thousand dollars, by

issuing State bonds, to arm the State and prepare for her defence, but for want of time, no decision was made on the proposition. In the mean time, however, and with great promptness, the Bank of Charleston, through its President, telegraphed to me that it would take one hundred thousand dollars' worth of the bonds of the State at par; and since then a formal resolution of its board has been sent me to the same effect. This act of patriotic duty, on the part of the Bank of Charleston, merits your highest commendation, and sets an example of love to the State and devotion to her cause, worthy of general imitation. The mere "money changer" would calculate the value of the investment and prospect of gain; but the patriot sees nothing but the necessities of his State, and hastens to pour out his treasures to relieve them.

MARINE SCHOOL OF CHARLESTON.—This school was inaugurated on the 16th May, 1859, and commenced operations with sixteen pupils, which has since increased to forty-three, with many more applicants than can be received and accommodated. The pupils are not confined to Charleston; but come from Edgefield, Beaufort, Barnwell, Richland, Horry and Colleton. The Board of Trustees report that their health has been good, only one death having occurred, and that one shortly after his coming on board; that the progress and conduct of the pupils are quite satisfactory, and even now there are several on board capable of managing a vessel. Feeling a deep interest in the success of the experiment, I visited the school, on board the *Lodebar*, stationed in Charleston harbor, near the battery, last spring, and was not only gratified but delighted at the prospect of making useful citizens and valuable sailors to be called into the service of the State in her commercial marine, or in manning and commanding her vessels of war. Southern seamen are among the great wants of the South, and especially at this critical time, trained as these youths are, not only in many nautical pursuits, but in the use of cannon and arms—the State may, with confidence, look to them for aid in her hour of danger.

At the last session of the Legislature, the sum of five thousand dollars was appropriated towards the support of this naval school, and as events crowd upon us, making it more important every day that we should have a nursery to prepare steady and capable captains, not only for our mercantile marine, but for our coasting trade and vessels of war, I commend this valuable school to the fostering care of the State, and recommend a liberal appropriation for its benefit.

AN ARMORY.—The separation of the Southern States from the North, will leave the Southern States, to a great extent, without the facilities of manufacturing arms, for the want of Armories; and it will, therefore, be

important for each individual State to establish an Armory, or that two, three or four States should unite for that purpose. We should not be dependent on the North, or a foreign country, for our weapons of defence, lest in the hour of need the supply may be withheld from us. Major R. S. Ripley, a citizen of South Carolina, proposes to establish an Armory for the South, in Georgia, Alabama or South Carolina, according as may be agreed on by those States. All he asks is, that each of the three States named should contract with him for fifty thousand dollars' worth of arms annually, for five years, and extend their patronage for a short period thereafter; the arms furnished to be up to a standard model, to be determined upon and delivered at prices fixed by competent authority, and to be subject to the proper military inspection, in parts, by State officers, those of each State to inspect the arms for that State. This would be preferable to having an Armory, and would preclude the necessity of burdening each State with an extensive establishment, dependent upon it for management by salaried officers, and would require no expenditure by the State until its value would be received.

There seems to be nothing in the proposition but what is fair and reasonable, and if the State determines to keep up her supply of arms, it cannot be better done than by the plan proposed. Copies of letters from the Governors of Georgia and Alabama, to Maj. Ripley, were sent to me. They approve of the proposition, and promise to recommend to their Legislatures to bind themselves to take annually fifty thousand dollars' worth of arms, to be paid for at the same price paid by the Federal Government for arms of the same finish and description; provided they are of the latest and most approved military patterns, and are manufactured in one of the States mentioned. I would therefore recommend that South Carolina bind herself to take fifty thousand dollars' worth of arms annually, for five years, from Maj. Ripley, upon the conditions mentioned above, and that a negotiation be opened between the three States to settle on the site for the Armory.

NEW STATE CAPITOL.—This building is progressing with much rapidity, considering the material of which it is composed, and the labor necessary to complete such an elegant and durable structure. It is generally conceded that it will compare favorably with any edifice of the kind in the United States or Europe, and reflects great credit upon the architect, the commissioner, and all concerned. The only regret is that it may be necessary to suspend operations, and husband all our resources for the defence of the State. No one regrets more than I do, that such necessity may arise; but we must make everything give way to the paramount consideration, and reconcile ourselves as best we can to the delay. The Legislature should not make any large appropriations, except for arms and the material of war,

until there is a full recognition of our rights out of the Union, and no longer any pressing necessity to arm. If the work be suspended, it may be necessary to have some temporary covering, to protect it from rain and storms, and especially from being disfigured, and it may be necessary to appropriate a small amount for that purpose.

JOHN BROWN'S PIKE.—At the request of a distinguished Virginian, Edmund Ruffin, Esq., I herewith present to the Legislature one of the Pikes intended by John Brown to be used by the negroes of Virginia upon the unoffending and peaceable inhabitants of that State. He requests "that this weapon may be placed in some conspicuous position in the State House of South Carolina, there to remain, and be preserved as abiding and impressive evidence of the fanatical hatred borne by the dominant Northern party, to the institutions and people of the Southern States, and of the unscrupulous and atrocious means resorted to for the expected attainment of the objects in view;" and I respectfully recommend that the thanks of the State be returned to Mr. Ruffin for this memento of Southern wrongs, too long and too patiently borne, and that it be placed in the Hall of the House of Representatives.

FEDERAL RELATIONS.—In obedience to the Resolutions passed by the General Assembly of this State at the last regular Session, expressing the opinion that the slaveholding States should immediately meet together to concert measures for united action, and instructing the Governor to appoint a Commissioner to Virginia, "to express to the authorities of that State the cordial sympathy of the people of South Carolina with the people of Virginia, and their earnest desire to unite with them in measures of common defence," and also to transmit to all the Southern States an invitation to meet in Convention, to consult and mature measures for the safety and security of the South and their institutions, I immediately appointed to that office the Hon. C. G. Memminger, the mover of the Resolutions, a gentleman not only of high character and literary attainments, but who was generally regarded as the exponent of the opinions of the conservative portion of the people of this State. It was thought desirable to send a Commissioner who would not only have the ability to explain our position, and place us in a proper light before the Legislature and people of Virginia, but who would by his antecedents convince them that our great aim and object in asking for a conference with our Southern sisters, was not to plan a dissolution of the Union, but to save it, if possible, by insisting on satisfactory guarantees from the North, that we were in future to be unmolested in our persons and property, acknowledged as equals in carrying our slaves to any territory belonging to the United States, and having

protection by the Federal Government against any attempt to interfere in any way with this property. Mr. Memminger was kindly received, hospitably entertained, and listened to with much attention, but his masterly and unanswerable argument before the Legislature and people of Virginia failed to convince them of the necessity of concerted action on the part of the Southern States in Convention. The State of Virginia thought proper to decline the proposed conference of the Southern States, as will be seen by the Resolutions of her General Assembly herewith transmitted, and only Mississippi and Alabama of all the slaveholding States, acceded to the proposal.

No such meeting of the States has taken place, as it was thought the number agreeing to meet was too small to effect the desired object, by producing that moral effect which would unquestionably have resulted from a general meeting of the States interested. One of the Resolutions adopted by Virginia in response to the invitation of South Carolina and Mississippi to meet in conference, expresses the opinion, that "Virginia does not yet distrust the capacity of the Southern States, by a wise and firm exercise of their reserved powers, to protect the rights and liberties of the people, and to preserve the Federal Union," and for this purpose she desires the "*concurrent action*" of the Southern States; but she adds "that efficient cooperation will be more safely obtained by such direct Legislative action of the *several States* as may be necessary and proper, than through the agency of an assemblage which can exercise no legitimate power except to debate and advise."

Thus we see that although Virginia had strong hopes at that time of preserving the Federal Union, she was unwilling to resort to any other way of effecting the object than by the *separate action of each State*, which would have the effect of producing the *concurrent action* of all the States interested. If therefore Virginia is right as to the best mode of redressing wrongs and obtaining the concurrent action of other States, it follows that the separate action of each is the best method of getting cooperation or concerted action of the other States in any movement, and it would therefore be wise in South Carolina, in imitation of Virginia to decline a representation in "any assemblage which can exercise no legitimate power except to debate and advise," and in no assemblage whatever, until by the ordinance of her Convention she has seceded from a Union which she once acceded to, and which has proved a curse instead of a blessing.

The effort of South Carolina to assemble the Southern States, in the hope that the North might be induced to pause and retrace their steps, by an earnest and unanimous protest against the course pursued by them, and a notification that unless a change of policy took place, the South would be

compelled to take the redress of her grievances in her own hands, failed on account of the refusal of Virginia to join in the movement; although her borders had been recently invaded and her citizens murdered in cold blood by a band of abolitionists instigated to the deed by the teachings of men of controlling influence in the North. All hope, therefore, of concerted action by a Southern Convention being lost, there is but one course left for South Carolina to pursue, consistently with her honor, interest and safety, and that is, to look neither to the right nor the left, but go straight forward to the consummation of her purpose.

It is too late now to receive propositions for a conference; and the State would be wanting in self-respect, after having deliberately decided on her course, to entertain any proposition looking to a continuance in the present Union. We can get no better or safer guarantee than the present Constitution, and that has proved impotent to protect us against the fanaticism of the North. The institution of slavery must be under the exclusive control of those directly interested in its preservation, and not left to the mercy of those that believe it to be their duty to destroy it.

The tone of the Northern press has greatly changed since the unanimous and determined action of South Carolina. Heretofore, it was supposed by our enemies that we were divided and distracted at home, and that, in consequence of our divisions, the scenes of 1851 would be re-enacted, and the State would finally acquiesce in Black Republican rule, or at best, that something less than secession would be adopted, and our energies exhausted in fruitless expedients and unavailing threats. Now that the unwelcome conviction forces itself upon them that "we have counted the cost, and find nothing so intolerable as voluntary slavery," and that we are not to be deterred from the assertion and maintenance of our rights by the threats of Federal bayonets, or the unmeaning and senseless display of Wide Awake processions, formidable only to the capitalists and conservatives of their own section, they begin to change their tone, and appeal to us, rather as suppliants than as conquerors, to save a Union from which they have reaped a rich harvest of profit and honor, and the South has only known by its exactions.

They have been deaf to the voice of reason and consanguinity; they have disregarded the counsels of their wisest and best citizens. Their Neros, in the persons of Seward, Sumner, and others, have been fiddling while the Constitution has been trampled under foot, and a higher law inaugurated in its stead; in accordance with their treasonable advice and teaching, and by the crowning act of electing a Black Republican President to carry out their long cherished designs against the peace and prosperity of the South, they have declared open war against us.

What course, then, is left for the Southern States to pursue for the main-

tenance of their rights and the security of their property, but a separation from such open and undisguised enemies, and the establishment of a Southern Confederacy, with every element of greatness and every means of defence necessary to protect them from any enemy and command the respect and admiration of the world? It is gratifying to know that in the contemplated movement South Carolina has strong assurances that she will not stand alone; that if the lone star we must have, it will be but for a short season, when star after star will be added, and the Southern banner "present to the heavens the bright constellation that adorns it."

There is no reasonable doubt but that Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Texas, and Arkansas will immediately follow, and that the other Southern States will eventually complete the galaxy. It was not to be expected that they would move before South Carolina; not on account of any want of patriotism and determination to resist aggression and insult, not because they are less informed of their rights, or less prepared to defend them; but on account of the national parties, so lately striving for victory in the Presidential canvass; in which contest there would naturally arise distrust and jealousy of each other, and a scramble for the ascendancy. Now that the Presidential election is over, and an enemy of their section is chosen to rule over them, we find all parties becoming united against the common enemy, and prepared to forget their past divisions, and unite in defence of their altars and firesides.

There is no longer any jealousy on the part of other resistance States toward South Carolina; on the contrary they all urge her by every consideration of duty and patriotism to lead the van in this noble struggle for our violated rights. What a sublime moral spectacle is presented to the world by our beloved State; small in territory, with a comparatively sparse population and without much military training, yet relying upon the justice of her cause and the approving smile of Heaven, she is first among the foremost to sever her connection with the Federal Government, and to accept the consequences that may follow her decision. I will not enter into an elaborate argument to prove the right of a State peaceably to secede from the Union. It will not be controverted that each State entered the Union as a State, and not as an unorganized mass of individuals, and that the action of each State was independent of the others, and if any proof of this fact be wanting, it may be found in the action of North Carolina, which State did not enter the Union until more than a year after it was formed by the admission of nine States, which number was required by the Convention that adopted the present Constitution of the United States.

It is true that no provision is made in the Constitution for dissolving the Union, and it is very probable that the patriots who framed the instrument had no idea that a loathsome fanaticism, pandered to by Northern politicians

would ever make it necessary for the safety of the South that they should dissolve the compact on account of its violation by the other section of the Confederacy, but it must be remembered as a rule of universal application, that a violation of a compact or agreement by one party releases the other party from its binding obligation, and the only question is, who is to judge of the infraction. From the very nature of the case, in a compact with sovereigns, there can be no umpire, unless one is provided by the instrument itself, and in the language of Mr. Jefferson, "each State must judge of the infraction and the mode and measure of redress." A compact between sovereign States, with the understanding that the majority should put their construction upon its provisions, would not be worth the paper upon which it was written. Majorities need no protection, for they can protect themselves, but minorities insist upon constitutions to restrain the majority, and to allow it to put its construction upon the compact, is equivalent to giving them the absolute power to govern the minority irrespective of any restraints.

The simple statement of the case is this: each State entered the Union under the Constitution; the Federal Government is the agent of the States, created for special purposes, and circumscribed in its action by the articles of agreement, or in other words the Constitution. Whenever the States having the power to control this agent, permit or command him to violate the compact, each State, not having surrendered its sovereignty, has a right to remonstrate or withdraw as she may think proper, and no earthly power has the right to prevent her.

It is urged by some as an argument against secession, that the existing Government would be destroyed by a State seceding; that the revenue laws would become inoperative, and the wheels of Government stand still. My answer is this, that in the exercise of an undoubted right, and being forced to exercise it by the party that is likely to suffer, it cannot complain of the consequences of its own acts. If South Carolina secede, the Government will be in no worse condition, except for a very short time, than it would have been if South Carolina had never entered the Union, which is acknowledged on all hands, she was not bound to do.

The idea that a majority must always govern, which has taken possession of the Northern mind, is as mischievous as it is fallacious, and is contradicted by all the analogies of a republican government. If a mere majority is to govern, why have two houses of Congress—a Senate and House of Representatives? Why give the President the veto power? Why submit the action of all three to a judicial tribunal? Why require juries to be unanimous in giving their verdict? The conclusion is irresistible that it is for the protection of minorities and the safety of the citizen. I may be asked if a minority should govern. My answer is, no: but they

should be able, by constitutional restrictions, to restrain the majority from acts of injustice and oppression. In the copartnerships formed by individuals, the majority is not permitted to construe the articles of agreement to the injury of the minority, but in this case there is a disinterested tribunal to decide the question. In a compact between States, from the nature of the case, there can be no tribunal to decide violations of it, and the remedy must be a dissolution of the agreement, without any right on the part of the majority of the States to prevent the withdrawal of any of the parties, otherwise might would make right, and a compact be an unmeaning and worthless piece of parchment.

It follows from the views presented, that the Federal Government cannot rightfully use force to prevent a State from seceding or force her back into the Union; but, in the language of the late Judge Harper: "men having arms in their hands may use them," and I cannot too earnestly urge upon you the importance of arming the State at the earliest practicable period, and thus be prepared for the worst. It is gratifying to know that if we must resort to arms in defence of our rights, and a blow should be struck at South Carolina, before the other States move up in line, we have the tender of volunteers from all the Southern and some of the Northern States, to repair promptly to our standard and share our fortunes.

In urging the State to arm, it is not to be understood that we are defenceless; by examining the report of the Adjutant and Inspector General herewith transmitted, you will see that we have sufficient arms to supply the number of soldiers that will probably be necessary for some time to come, and many of our arms are of the most approved patterns; but no one can tell what a day may bring forth, and it is a wise precaution to prepare in time. I cannot permit myself to believe that in the madness of passion an attempt will be made by the present or next administration to coerce South Carolina, after secession, by refusing to surrender to her the harbor defences, or by interfering with her imports or exports; but if I am mistaken in this, we must accept the issue, and meet it as becomes men and freemen, who in all the calmness of determined resolution, infinitely prefer annihilation to disgrace.

We cannot penetrate the dark future; it may be "filled with ashes, tears and blood," but let us go forward in the discharge of our duty, with an unwavering trust in God, and a consciousness that anything is preferable to dishonor and degradation.

WM. H. GIST.

NOTE.—In addition to what has been said of postal matters, the present arrangement might be continued, by an agreement between the State and the Federal authorities for a given time, and until other States secede, and

the formation of a Southern Confederacy, when the whole subject can be entrusted to them; but if no arrangement of this sort can be carried out, and the Government insist on considering the State still in the Union after the ordinance of secession has been passed, the present arrangement must cease, and some other, under State authority, be substituted.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the usual number of copies was ordered to be printed, and the Message was made the Special Order of the Day for tomorrow, at 1, P. M.

Mr. ALSTON, from the Committee on the Military and Pensions, acting jointly with the Committee on the Military of the House of Representatives, reported

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force.

And Mr. MARSHALL, from the minority of the same Committee, reported

A Bill to provide for an Armed Military Force.

The Bills severally received the first reading, and were ordered for a second reading tomorrow, and to be printed.

Mr. WAGNER submitted the following report :

The Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices beg leave respectfully to report, that the following offices are vacant, to wit: the offices of the Attorney General, the Solicitor of the Northern Circuit, the Treasurer of the Upper Division, and the offices of Commissioner in Equity for the Districts of Georgetown, Horry, Laurens, Marlboro, Newberry, Richland and Union.

Mr. WAGNER thereupon offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to unite in a joint ballot for Attorney General, on tomorrow, at one o'clock, and immediately thereafter for Solicitor of the Northern Circuit, and for Treasurer of the Upper Division on Thursday next, at one o'clock, and immediately thereafter for Commissioners in Equity for the Districts of Georgetown, Horry, Laurens, Marlboro, Newberry, Richland and Union.

The resolution was agreed to, and the Message was sent accordingly.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Kershaw District, for 1860; and

Mr. CANNON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Spartanburg; which were referred to the Committee on College, Education and Religion.

Mr. RHETT presented the account of the College Treasurer; which was referred to the Committee on College, Education and Religion, and was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet tomorrow, at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. DANTZLER, the Senate adjourned at 15 minutes to 3, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 27, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully proposes to the Senate to unite in a joint ballot for Attorney General, to-morrow, at one o'clock, and immediately thereafter for Solicitor of the Northern Circuit, and for Treasurer of the Upper Division on Thursday next, at one o'clock, and immediately thereafter for Commissioners in Equity for the Districts of Georgetown, Horry, Laurens, Marlborough, Newberry, Richland and Union.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred in all the propositions of the Message, except that for the ballot for Commissioners in Equity, and proposed, in lieu thereof, that said ballot should take place this day, immediately after the ballot for Solicitor of the Northern Circuit.

Mr. CANNON submitted presentment of Grand Jury of Spartanburg District, Fall Term, 1860; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented petition of the Calhoun Light Infantry, praying for an act of incorporation; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Chesterfield, Spring Term, 1860; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Chesterfield, Fall Term, 1860; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WATSON presented petition of W. W. Chapman and others, praying a renewal of charter of Good Hope Church, in Edgefield District; also,

Petition of John Glaze and others, praying for a renewal of charter of Trinity Church, in Edgefield District; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. BARNES presented petition of Lucy Andrews, a free person of color, praying to be allowed to become a slave; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Lancaster, in relation to the General Elections for Lancaster District; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Lancaster, Spring Term, 1860; which was read and referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Lancaster, Fall Term, 1860, in relation to payment of members of the different Boards of the District; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. DELOACH submitted the Presentment of Grand Jury of Beaufort District, in relation to the erection of a Penitentiary; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

Return of Commissioners of Free Schools for Prince William's Parish, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HART presented Return of Commissioners of Free Schools of Darlington, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce A Bill to incorporate the Barnwell Railroad.

Mr. HOPE presented the accounts of G. A. Fink for public printing in the Lexington Flag; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

Petition of the Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company for an act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HAMPTON presented Report of Regents of Lunatic Asylum; which was referred to the Committee on Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, and 500 copies were ordered to be printed.

The same gentleman, pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, introduced

A Bill to incorporate The New Building and Loan Association; which

received its first reading in the Senate, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HAMPTON also submitted Presentment of Grand Jury of Richland District, Fall Term, 1860.

So much as relates to Peddling and Lynch Law was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and

So much as relates to Defence of the State was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. ALSTON presented Return of Commissioners of Free Schools for All Saints, for the year 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion ; also,

Petition of the All Saints School Society, for renewal of charter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. WARE presented Petition of Greenville Gas Light Company, for a charter of incorporation ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts ; also,

Petition for renewal and amendment of the charter of incorporation of the town of Greenville ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the report of the Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. LESESNE presented an abstract of the number of transient and city poor of Charleston relieved during the year ending September 1, 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Marion District, for the year 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESESNE introduced

A Bill to incorporate the West Point Mill Company ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Pursuant to Messages, the Senate joined the House of Representatives in balloting for Attorney General.

The PRESIDENT appointed a Committee, on the part of the Senate, to count the ballots, consisting of Messrs. Appleby and Barker.

Mr. CANNON introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts to enquire and report as to the expediency of repealing an Act for the establishment of a general system of Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in the State of South Carolina, passed in the year 1853 ; which was agreed to.

Mr. HOPE gave notice that he will tomorrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company of Infantry in Lexington District, within the 15th Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company.

Mr. LLESNE submitted the presentments of Grand Juries for Charleston, for January, April and June Terms, 1860; which were read and were referred as follows:

So much as relates to repairs of the Court House, and the furniture of the Jail, and the Plank Road, to the Committee on Roads and Bridges; and all other subjects, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the return of Commissioners of Free Schools for St. James', Santee, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. DANTZLER presented the return of Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Matthew's Parish, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the return of Commissioners of Free Schools for St. George's Parish; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. George's Parish, asking that a certain creek may be made a navigable highway; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. ROBERDS presented the return of Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Peter's Parish, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to require the Circuit Judges to send with their reports to the Appeal Court the notes of evidence taken on the trial.

Mr. IRBY submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury for Marlboro', at Spring Term, 1860; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

Return of Commissioners of Free Schools for Marlborough District for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

Petition of sundry citizens of Marlborough, praying a grant of charter for the construction of a Railroad from Bennettsville to some point on the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad, at or near Society Hill; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the account of R. W. Gibbs for printing and binding; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury, Spring Term, 1860, for Laurens District; which was read and referred to the Committee on Public Buildings; also,

Presentment of the Grand Jury, Fall Term, 1860, for Laurens; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the account of the Laurensville Herald for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The petition of James R. Todd, praying compensation for injuries sustained by the opening of a public highway; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The following Message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Nov. 28, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of your body to go into a ballot for Commissioners in Equity for the Districts of Georgetown, Horry, Laurens, Marlboro, Newberry, Richland and Union, this day, immediately after the ballot for Solicitor of the Northern Circuit.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

At 1, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour, the reference of Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor. The reading was dispensed with; and

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following Resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That so much of the Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to Federal Relations, be referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

2. That so much as relates to Finance and Banks, the Catawba Indians, the increase of the salaries of the Governor and his Private Secretary, the appointment of a Clerk in the Executive Department, the providing for the permanent residence of the Governor in the City of Columbia, the offices of Treasurer of the Upper and Lower Divisions, and the salary of the Treasurer, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

3. That so much as relates to a new postal arrangement, be referred to a Special Committee of six, and that a Message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to appoint a similar Committee to act with the Committee of the Senate.

4. That all other matters embraced in the Message, under the head of "Laws," in relation to the laws and amendments thereof, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

5. That so much as relates to the State Geologist, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

6. That so much as relates to Direct Trade, and granting State aid in establishing a line of Steam Propellers between Charleston and Liverpool, and so much as relates to the Marine School in Charleston, be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts.

7. That so much as relates to the establishment of an Army, the military defence of the State, the recording of the documents and correspondence of the Officers of the Palmetto Regiment, the Compilation of the Militia and Patrol Laws, the presentation of a Sword to Capt. N. G. Evans, of the United States Army, and the relic of the Harper's Ferry raid, presented by Edmund Ruffin, Esq., of Virginia, be referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

8. That so much as relates to the New State Capitol, be referred to the Committee on the New State House.

9. That so much as relates to the Lunatic Asylum, be referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The resolutions were agreed to, and the Message was referred accordingly.

The PRESIDENT appointed Messrs. Garlington, Lesesne, E. G. Palmer, Moses, Rhett and Mazyek, the Committee on the Postal System, and a Message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives and joined that House in balloting for Solicitor of the Northern Circuit. Messrs. Barnes and Beaty were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. FICKLING gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina.

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of Johnson Hagood and others, for the charter of the Sherwood Jockey Club; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. ALLEN also gave notice, that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce the following bills:

A Bill to incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad in Barnwell District; and

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church at Aiken.

The Senate again proceeded to the House of Representatives and joined

that House in balloting for Commissioner in Equity for the Districts of Georgetown, Horry, Laurens, Marlboro, Newberry, Richland and Union. Messrs. Blakeney and Boykin were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. APPLEBY, from the Committee to count the ballots for Attorney General, reported that Hon. Isaac W. Hayne had received a majority of the ballots cast. He was accordingly declared by the President duly elected to that office.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12, M.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL, the following General Orders were discharged, and the same were made the special order for to-morrow, at half-past 1, P. M., to wit:

Report of the Joint Committee on the Military of the Senate and the House.

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance, and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes.

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force.

A Bill to provide for an Armed Military Force.

On motion of Mr. APPLEBY, the Senate adjourned, at ten minutes past 2, P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT read a communication from James L. Petigru, Commissioner on the Code; which was referred to Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. ALLEN presented the following report, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed:

The Special Joint Committee, to whom was referred the matter of the public printing, ask leave to report: that they had the same under consideration, examined the proposals therefor, and after due deliberation, have appointed

Mr. C. P. Pelham State Printer for the permanent work, and the Senate Committee have also appointed him to do the Senate printing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. ALLEN,

Chairman Special Joint Committee and
Chairman Senate Committee.

JOSEPH JOHNSON, Jr.,

Chairman Special Joint Committee of House of Reps

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate,

Mr. ALLEN introduced the following Bills; which received the first reading, and were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts :

A Bill to incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad Company.

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Aiken.

A Bill to incorporate the Barnwell Railroad Company.

Mr. BARNES gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina.

Mr. BARNES, on the part of the Committee appointed by the Senate to count the ballots for Solicitor of the Northern Circuit, reported that Mr. C. D. Melton had received the majority of all the votes cast.

Mr. Melton was therefore declared by the President to have been duly elected.

Mr. HOPE presented the following papers; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts :

Petition of the members of Nazareth Evangelical Lutheran Church, praying for an Act of Incorporation.

Petition of Bethlehem Evangelical Church for an Act of Incorporation.

Petition of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church for an Act of Incorporation.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to alter and amend the third section of the first article of the Constitution of this State, which had been passed by a former Legislature; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented a report of the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Commissioner in Equity for certain Districts, reported that the following gentlemen had received a majority of all the votes cast, viz :

Marlborough—T. J. Townsend.

Laurens—B. R. Campbell.

Newberry—Silas Johnson.

Georgetown—S. T. Atkinson.

Union—D. Goudelock.

Horry—J. R. Beatty.

Richland—J. H. Pearson.

They were therefore declared by the President to have been duly elected.

Mr. WATSON presented the petition of Benj. F. Landrum praying grant of escheated land in Edgefield District; which was referred to the Committee on the judiciary.

The same gentleman also submitted presentment of Grand Jury, Spring Term 1860, which was read and referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury, Fall Term, 1860; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. HOPE introduced

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company of infantry, to be called the Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company, and for other purposes, which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

The following communication was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Nov. 28, 1860.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of the Senate to appoint a Joint Committee on Postal Arrangements, and has appointed Messrs. Buist, Trenholm, Shannon, Lowndes, Macfarlan, Ryan and Hayne, a Committee to act with the Senate Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Pursuant to notice, the Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives to ballot for Treasurer of the Upper Division.

Messrs. Cannon and Dantzler were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the votes.

Mr. McCRAW gave notice that he will tomorrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the York Gas-Light Company; and he also presented the

Petition of John H. Adams and others, for an Act of Incorporation of the York Gas Light Company; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. LESESNE presented petition of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, asking for a continued appropriation; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and Mechanic Arts.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Railway Company of South Carolina ; also,

A Bill to suspend in part the operation of the Usury Laws ; and he also presented

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston, for the restoration of the old Fire Guard ; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions ; also,

Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Charleston, praying for further legislation to prevent the infringement of the Quarantine regulations ; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and Mechanic Arts.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the memorial of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, praying the use of the name and credit of the State in the re-adjustment of their debt ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MONTGOMERY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Williamsburg District, for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. IRBY gave notice that to-morrow, or on some subsequent day, he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad.

Mr. WARE submitted presentment of the Grand Jury of Greenville District, Spring Term, 1860, in relation to manufacturing interests in the South and direct trade ; which was read and referred to the Committee on Commerce Manufactures and Mechanic Arts ; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Greenville District, Fall Term, 1860 ; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ; also,

Presentment of Grand Jury of Greenville District, Spring Term, 1860, in relation to publication of incendiary books ; which was read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ; also,

Petition of sundry citizens of Greenville District, praying an amendment of the law passed at the last session, to promote sheep husbandry ; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate,

Mr. GARLINGTON introduced

A Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company in the re-adjustment of their debt.

Mr. HOPE gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Magistrate for Lexington, in Beat Companies No. 1 and 2, South Carolina Militia.

Mr. WARE gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Gas Light Company ; also,

A Bill for the incorporation of the town of Greenville.

The following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion :

MESSAGE NO. 2.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Columbia, Nov. 29, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I am requested by the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College to invite the General Assembly to attend the Commencement on Monday next.

WM. H. GIST.

Mr. RHETT submitted presentment of Grand Jury of Beaufort District, Spring Term, 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SESSIONS presented petition of sundry citizens of Horry District, praying legislation in regard to free persons of color ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SESSIONS presented the following accounts for post mortem examinations ; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts :

Account of Dr. Jos. F. Harrell.

Account of Drs. Harrell & Norman.

Account of Dr. Jas. H. Norman.

The Committee on Claims and Grievances was discharged from the consideration of the petition of Richard Williams and wife, praying compensation for property escheated and granted by the State, and the same was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on petition of sundry citizens of Williamsburg District, praying the appointment of Managers of Election, at the Muddy Creek Poll, in said District, which was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MOSES introduced

A Bill to require the Circuit Judges to send with their reports to the Appeal Court, the notes of evidence taken on the trial ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McALILEY presented reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the following papers, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On petition of Eliza M. Bonneau, Executrix of John Ewing Bonneau, for a renewal of certificate of three per cent. Stock, alleged to be lost or mislaid.

On petition of Elizabeth Jacoby, praying for renewal of lost certificate of Stock.

On petition of Jacob F. Schirmer, for a renewal of certificate of Stock, alleged to be lost.

Mr. MOSES presented the Annual Abstract and Report of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company; which was ordered to be filed in the office of the Comptroller General.

Mr. CANNON, from the Committee to count the ballots for Treasurer of the Upper Division on the first ballot, reported that neither candidate had received a majority of the ballots cast.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, a Message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing to go forthwith into a second ballot, and the House of Representatives having returned a Message of concurrence, the Senate joined the House in the ballot. Messrs. DeLoach and Fickling were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a paper shewing the return of State Ordnance; which was ordered to lie on the Clerk's desk for the inspection of Senators.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded to the special order of the day for half-past one, P. M. The Special order was discharged, and the same subjects were made the Special order for to-morrow, as follows:

FOR HALF-PAST 12 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of the Joint Committee on the Military of the Senate and the House.

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance, and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

A bill to provide an Armed Military Force. Reported by the Committee on Military and Pensions.

A bill to provide for an Armed Military Force. Reported by the Minority of the same Committee.

On motion of Mr. MONTGOMERY, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes to 3, P. M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. DELOACH, from the Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the votes cast for Treasurer of the Upper Division, asked leave to report, that no candidate having received a majority of all the votes cast, there was consequently no election.

Mr. MANNING presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Clarendon District, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. S. W. PALMER presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Stephen's Parish, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The following communication was presented to the Senate by Mr. MOSES, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 28, 1860.

To the Honorable the President and other Members of the Senate :

GENTLEMEN: I herewith transmit to your honorable body a volume of Law Reports, containing cases decided in the Court of Appeals and Court of Errors, from January Term, 1859, to May Term, 1860, both inclusive.

With great respect, your obedient servant,

J. S. G. RICHARDSON.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce A Bill to amend the Charter of the Town of Sumter.

Mr. MOSES presented the favorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on

A Bill to alter and amend the third section of the first article of the Constitution of this State; which Bill had been passed by the last Legislature.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, this being a Constitutional question, the yeas and nays were taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. Porter, President; Messrs. J. Duncan Allen, Chas. Alston, Jr., M. T. Appleby, S. W. Barker, Dixon Barnes, Robert Beaty, J. W. Blakeney, Gabriel Cannon, Olin M. Dantzler, James E. DeLoach, F. W. Fickling, I. K. Furman, A. C. Garlington, Jas. W. Harrison, R. L. Hart, N.

Heyward, John C. Hope, Charles Irby, W. R. Johnson, G. D. Keitt, Henry D. Lesesne, R. J. Manning, J. Foster Marshall, A. Mazyek, Samuel McAliley, R. G. McCaw, J. C. McKewn, S. J. Montgomery, F. J. Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Edmund Rhett, W. G. Roberds, F. J. Sessions, Elam Sharpe, W. D. Simpson, Thos. M. Wagner, T. Edwin Ware, Tillman Watson and B. H. Wilson.

In the affirmative, 41.

In the negative, none.

Two-thirds of the whole representation in the Senate voting in the affirmative, the Bill was agreed to, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES presented a report from the Committee on the Judiciary, on

A Bill to require the Circuit Judges to send with their reports to the Appeal Court the notes of evidence taken on the trial; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Charleston District, at January Term, 1860, and of Beaufort District, at Spring Term, 1860, relative to a Penitentiary.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. BARNES introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McCAW introduced

A Bill to incorporate the York Gas Light Company; which received a first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On motion of Mr. DELOACH, a Message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go forthwith into a third ballot for Treasurer of the Upper Division; and, the House of Representatives having concurred, the Senate joined the House in the ballot. Messrs. Furman and Garlington were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. HOPE introduced

A Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Magistrate for Lexington, in Beats Nos. 1 and 2 of the South Carolina Militia.

Mr. HOPE also presented a petition of sundry citizens of Lexington Village, praying for the incorporation of said Village; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. WILSON presented a return of the disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund for Georgetown, with a petition praying the continuance of the appropriation; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. LESESNE presented the following petitions; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts:

Of Ebenezer Thayer, Geo. Aimar, and J. Legare Jones, praying incorporation as a Chapter of Rose Croix;

Of Unitarian Church of Charleston, for renewal of charter;

Of the Unitarian Clergy Society of Charleston, for incorporation; which were severally referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. McALILEY gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company in the Twenty Sixth Regiment of the South Carolina Militia, to be called the Chester Rifles, and to incorporate the same; also,

Account of James Jones, Commissioner of New State House, for building a Retiring Room for the President of the Senate; which was referred to the Committee on the New State House.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the petition of John Horlbeck, against the erection of a bridge over Mazyckboro' creek, in the City of Charleston, and it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; and

The same course was pursued with the memorial of John Webb and others, Corporators of Railroad Accommodation Wharf, to erect a draw-bridge across Mazyckboro' creek.

Mr. LESESNE presented the report of the President of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, with the annual report of the Stockholders; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on

Petition of sundry citizens of Laurens, praying the establishment of an additional election precinct in said district; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DANTZLER presented the petition of Dr. R. W. Bates, praying compensation for post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; also,

The petition of sundry citizens of Orangeburg District, praying the passage of a law requiring special passes to be given to slaves; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections was discharged from the

further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Sumter District, for Fall Term, 1860; also,

Of presentment of the Grand Jury of Lancaster District, for Fall Term, 1860, in relation to the General Elections.

Mr. SIMPSON presented a report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill to incorporate the West Point Mill Company, and a petition on the same subject; also,

A report of the same Committee, on a bill to incorporate the New Building and Loan Association; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts was discharged from the further consideration of a petition from the Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. MARSHALL presented a report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company, to be called the Lexington Volunteer Company, and for other purposes; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McKEWN gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide compensation for witnesses on behalf of the State.

Mr. McKEWN presented a petition of sundry citizens of Sumterville, praying the appointment of a special Magistrate; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. IRBY introduced,

A Bill to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad Company; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. E. G. PALMER introduced

A Bill to alter the law in relation to fish sluices in Broad River; which received its first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The Committee on Claims was discharged from the further consideration of the account of G. A. Fink, for public printing, and the Senate granted leave to Mr. HOPE to withdraw it from the files of the Senate.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESESNE introduced

A Bill to suspend, in part, the operation of the Usury Law; which received a first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDERS FOR HALF-PAST 12, P. M.

On motion of Mr ALSTON, the report of the Joint Committee on Military and Pensions of the Senate, and Military of the House of Representatives, was made the Special Order for Tuesday next, at 1, P. M. The other matters of the Special Order were ordered to be placed with the General Orders for Tuesday next, as follows, viz :

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes ;

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force ;

A Bill to provide for an Armed Military Force.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence, viz :

Reports of Committee on Finance and Banks :

On petition of Jacob F. Schirmer, for renewal of certificate of stock alleged to be lost ;

On petition of Eliza M. Bonneau, executrix, with a similar prayer ;

On petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacobi, with a similar prayer.

The report of the Special Joint Committee on the Public Printing being before the Senate for consideration, Mr. E. G. PALMER moved that so much thereof as recommends C. P. Pelham for the printing of the Senate *do lie on the table*.

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Boykin, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Wagner, Ware, Watson and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Rhett, Roberts, Sharpe and Simpson.

In the affirmative, 18.

In the negative, 23.

The motion was therefore lost.

The report was then agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. FURMAN, from the Committee appointed, on the part of the Senate, to count the ballots for the Treasurer of the Upper Division, on the third ballot, reported that neither candidate had received a majority of votes.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go forthwith into a fourth ballot.

Immediately thereafter, the House of Representatives sent the following message to the Senate :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 30, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite forthwith in another ballot for Treasurer of the Upper Division.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and joined in the ballot. Messrs. Hampton and Harrison were appointed, on the part of the Senate, a Committee to count the ballots.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, reported

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Gas Light Company. The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message ; which was ordered to *lie on the table*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 30, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully requests the appointment of a Committee, to act with a Committee of ten, consisting of Messrs McGowan, William Whaley, Sereven Weston, Pope, Glover, Stokes, Stevens, Kenneday and Richardson, appointed by this House as a Committee of Arrangements on the Commencement of the South Carolina College.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance and Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. McCRAW gave notice that on Tuesday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) in Yorkville.

On motion of Mr. McCRAW, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

On motion of Mr. McCRAW, the Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lancaster District, at Fall Term, 1860.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lexington District, Spring Term, 1860 ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MOSES introduced

A Bill to amend the Charter of the Town of Sumter ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McALLEX introduced

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company of Infantry within the limits of the Twenty-sixth Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the Chester Rifles, and to incorporate the same ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. ALSTON presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes ; which was ordered to be placed in the General Orders for Tuesday.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that on Tuesday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the establishment of our Foreign Diplomacy ; also,

A Bill for the purchase of two submerged screw steam propellers, of light draught and proper equipment, for our coast and harbor defences.

Mr. FURMAN presented reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On account of Dr. James H. Norman, for post mortem examination;

On account of Drs. Harrell and Norman, for post mortem examination;

On account of Dr. R. W. Bates, for post mortem examination;

On account of Dr. Jos. F. Harrell, for post mortem examination; which were ordered for consideration on Monday.

Mr. KEITT presented a return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Orange Parish, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Laurens District, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on account of Dr. A. E. Davant, for services rendered prisoners in jail; which was ordered for consideration on Monday.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McKEWN also introduced

A Bill to provide for the compensation of witnesses on behalf of the State; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESESNE introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Railway Company of South Carolina; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented a petition of the Town Council and sundry citizens of the town of Newberry, praying an amendmont of their charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. FICKLING presented a petition of C. E. Davant, jailor of Beaufort District, praying compensation for blankets furnished to prisoners; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. FICKLING, pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, introduced

A Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of the Vestry of Grace Church, Charleston, praying a renewal and amendment of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; also,

The petition of Lawrence Toomer, for remission of double tax; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The petition of the Charleston Fire Company of Axmen, for a change of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to alter and amend the third Section of the first Article of the Constitution of this State, which had been passed by the last Legislature, and at the present Session had received two readings in the Senate and three readings in the House, and had been agreed to by two-thirds of the whole representation in each House.

The Bill received the third reading, and on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Mazyck, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware and Watson.

In the affirmative, 37.

In the negative, none.

Two-thirds of the whole representation in the Senate voting in the affirmative, the Bill was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES,

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that House that this Bill should be ratified on Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. RHETT called up from the table the message from the House of Representatives, relative to the College commencement. The Senate concurred in the proposal for a Special Committee; and Messrs. Rhett, Manning, Barker, Barnes, Heyward and Wilson, were appointed the Committee; and a message was returned accordingly.

Mr. McALILEY gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Northern Circuit.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce.

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of Grace Church, Charleston.

Mr. HAMPTON, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Treasurer of the Upper Division, on the fourth ballot, reported that J. J. McCants had received a majority of the ballots cast; he was therefore declared by the President duly elected.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Solicitor of the Northern Circuit on District Offices and their Officers; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the petition of O. M. Lieber, for arrears of salary as State Geologist; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. BARKER presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. John's, Berkley, praying the establishment of a new road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. PALMER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, reported

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the sale and delivery of spirituous liquors to slaves and free persons of color. The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the account of W. W. Purse, for work in the Senate Chamber; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. CANNON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Banks be instructed to inquire whether the compensation now paid Tax Collectors for their services may not be reduced; also, whether the Bonds of the several Tax Collectors, as now required by law, be sufficient to indemnify the State from loss, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

The resolution was agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly.

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of John McGraw, for a pension for public services; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the petition of Anthony Hyde, for compensation for services rendered to the State in relation to a claim against the General Government; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Special Committee appointed to make arrangements for the Commencement of the

South Carolina College; which was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill to incorporate the Barnwell Railroad Company; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next, and to be printed.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Citizen's Line Railway in Charleston.

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Gas Light Company;

A Bill to alter the law in relation to Fish Shuices in Broad River;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a New Volunteer Company of Infantry, to be called the Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company, and to incorporate the same;

A Bill to incorporate the New Building and Loan Association.

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the petition of sundry citizens of Laurens, praying the establishment of an additional election precinct in said district, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BARNES, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday next, at half-past 9, A. M.

On motion of Mr. DELOACH, the Senate adjourned at 15 minutes to 2, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1860.

The Senate met at half-past 9, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

Mr. RHETT offered the following resolution, which, on his motion, was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of one from each Congressional District, be appointed to nominate suitable persons for President and four

Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to appoint a Committee for the same purpose.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the Senate, pursuant to a previous order, suspended business, and joined the procession, and attended the Commencement of the South Carolina College.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the President resumed the chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. HEYWARD offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the College, Education and Religion be instructed to inquire and report as soon as practicable, to the Senate, the following points :

1. How many teachers of each sex are employed in the Normal and Common Schools, who have been introduced from the Northern States of this Confederacy, and how many are natives of the Southern States.

2. Whether it is, or is not, expedient, in the present political emergency, that those who are entrusted with the education of our youth, in the public schools of the State, should be identified with the South in feeling, education and interest.

The resolution was agreed to, and the committee was instructed accordingly.

Mr. BLAKENEY offered the following resolution ; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That this General Assembly will take a recess, from the 13th inst., at 12, M., to the second Monday in January next, at 7, P. M.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, a call of the Senate was ordered at half-past 2, P. M., when the following Senators answered to their names :

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Bull, Cannon, DeLoach, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Wagner and Ware.

The further call was dispensed with.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, reported

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Greenville ; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the account of Drs. Dudley and Moses, for

post mortem examination ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; also,

The account of Dr. F. J. Moses, for post mortem examination; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Commissioners of Roads for St. James', Goose Creek ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourn, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12, M.

The Committee on Claims and Grievances was discharged from the further consideration of the account of the Laurensville Herald, for public printing.

Mr. HARRISON presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances :

On the account of G. A. Fink, for public printing ;

On the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for public printing ;

On the account of C. E. Davant, Sheriff, for blankets ;

On the account of J. W. Arnold, Sheriff, for blankets ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LESESNE presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Philip's and St. Michael's, for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HARRISON submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Anderson District, for October Term, 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESESNE, introduced the following Bills :

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of Grace Church, Charleston ; and

A Bill to incorporate the Citizens' Line Railway Company of Charleston, South Carolina.

The Bills each received the first reading, and were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts. The last named Bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON presented the report of the Commissioners for the establishment and maintenance of a guard in Georgetown, and a petition for its continuance ; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions ; and also.

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Prince George, Winyah, for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at half-past 3, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Hon. E. B. BRYAN appeared in his seat in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. WATSON presented the petition of George Wise and John McNany and others, praying an act of incorporation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, in Edgefield District; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HOPE presented the account of the Sheriff of Lexington District, for blankets purchased and furnished prisoners in jail; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

Petition of the members of Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, for the renewal of their charter of incorporation; also,

Petition of St. David's Evangelical Lutheran Church, for an act of incorporation; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Abbeville District, for year the 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MARSHALL also presented the report of the President and Secretary of the State Agricultural Society; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, and was ordered to be printed; also,

Report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company within the limits of the 26th Regiment, to be called the Chester Rifles, &c.; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOSES presented a petition of sundry citizens of Sumter District, for an act to incorporate the Tabernacle Camp Ground, of Sumter District; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented a petition of the citizens of Cheraw, to extend the corporate limits of the town; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the reports of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the following Bills:

A Bill to incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina;

A Bill to incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad Company;

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Railway Company of South Carolina ;

On the petition of Joshua Lazarus and others, on the same subject ;

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Aiken ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the petition of the Town Council of Camden, praying an amendment of charter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts ; also,

The account of Thomas J. Warren, Jr., for public printing.

Mr. WILSON presented the memorial of certain citizens of Georgetown District, against the construction of a bridge without a draw across Black River ; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements ; also,

The memorial of the President and Directors of the Georgetown Railroad Company, praying certain amendments of its charter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. HART presented the petition of the Hartsville Light Infantry, for an act of incorporation ; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. IRBY presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad Company ; and on the

Petition of the citizens of Marlboro' on the same subject ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the bill to be printed.

Mr. ALLEN presented the report of the Solicitor of the Southern Circuit ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. SIMPSON to withdraw from its files the account of the Laurensville Herald.

Mr. HEYWARD presented a resolution in relation to the Common and Normal Schools.

Mr. RHETT called up from the table a resolution for appointing a Committee to nominate a President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

The President appointed Messrs. Rhett, Barker, Johnson, McCaw, Ware, and Hope the Committee. A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking the appointment of a similar Committee.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the State Military Academy for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McALILEY presented

A Bill to alter the sittings of the Courts of Law on the Northern Circuit; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully accepts the invitation of your body to attend in the Senate House, at 1 o'clock, on Tuesday next, to ratify a Bill entitled A Bill to amend the third section of the first article of the Constitution of this State.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. LESESNE presented a petition of the Burns Charitable Association, praying for an act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, reported that

A Bill to alter and amend the third section of the first article of the Constitution of the State was ready for ratification.

Immediately thereafter the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives, attended by its officers, entered the Senate Chamber, and the Bill was duly ratified in the presence of the Members of both branches of the Legislature.

Mr. GARLINGTON submitted the report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on so much of the Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor, as relates to federal relations; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and that it be printed, with five hundred extra copies.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Joint Committee, consisting of the Committee on Military and Pensions of the Senate and of the Military of the House of Representatives, in relation to the defence of this State.

The Special Order was discharged, and the report was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate preceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

* The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the Presentment of the Grand Jury for Lexington, Spring Term, 1860, was agreed to.

A Bill to incorporate the West Point Mill Company received the second reading, and on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

HON. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barker, Blakeney, Bull, Fickling, Johnson, Keitt, Mazyck, McKewn, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Roberds.

In the affirmative, 28.

In the negative, 12.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The following Senate Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, to wit:

A Bill to vest all the right and title of the State in and to certain lots of land in the Town of Cheraw in Elizabeth Graham;

A Bill to require the Circuit Judges to send, with their reports to the Appeal Court, the notes of evidence taken on the trial.

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau being before the Senate, on the second reading,

Mr. MARSHALL moved to amend the first section, by striking out the following words: "of the Governor of this State, the Adjutant and Inspector General, the Ordnance Officer to be hereinafter provided for, and three other persons, to be appointed by the Governor." for the purpose of inserting the following: "three persons to be elected by the Legislature, one to rank as Colonel, and one to rank as Lieutenant Colonel, and one to rank as Major, and the one having the rank of Colonel to be the Chief of the Ordnance Department."

Mr. MAZYCK moved to amend the amendment, by striking out the words "to be elected by the Legislature," and insert, in lieu thereof, "to be appointed by the Governor."

Mr. ALSTON moved that both amendments do lie on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Alston, Barnes, Blakeney, Bryan, Bull, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, McKewn, Montgomery, Palmer, Rhett, Roberds and Simpson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, Moses, Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner, Ware, Watson and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 21.

The amendments were therefore ordered to lie on the table. The Bill was then agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. APPLBY, the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Drs. Harrell and Norman, for post mortem examination, was recommitted.

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the sale and delivery of spirituous liquors to slaves and free persons of color, was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded with the second reading of

A Bill to provide an armed Military Force, which had been reported by the Committee on the Military and Pensions; but before the reading had been concluded, the Senate, on motion of Mr. FICKLING, made the Bill the Special Order for half-past 1, P. M., to-morrow.

Mr. RHETT presented the petition of the Intendant and Wardens of the Town of Beaufort for recharter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the report of the Committee on the New State House on the account of James Jones, Commissioner, of the expenses of building a retiring-room for the President of the Senate; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the report of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad Company, for 1860; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BRYAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. John's Colleton, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12, M.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at 12 minutes to 4, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. FICKLING presented a petition of the citizens of Bluffton, South Carolina, praying the repeal of the town charter, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. DELOACH presented a petition of sundry citizens of Prince William's Parish, in relation to Haulover Cut, in South Wimbee Creek.

The Committee on Military and Pensions was discharged from the further consideration of

The petition of the Commissioned Officers of the First Regiment of Artillery, asking an appropriation for gun sheds; of

The presentment of the Grand Jury of Richland District, for Fall Term, 1860; of

The petition of the Hartsville Light Infantry, praying to be incorporated.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the petition of John McGrath, praying to be placed on the Pension Roll; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SESSIONS presented the account of Drs. Harrell and Norman, for post mortem examination; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FURMAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. McCRAW presented a petition of sundry citizens of Yorkville, praying amendments to the charter of said town; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. RHETT offered the following resolution; which was unanimously agreed to:

Resolved, That the privileges of the floor of the Senate be extended to the Honorable William Henry Trescot, a distinguished citizen of South Carolina, now in Columbia.

Mr. McALILEY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Chester District, for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Laurens District, to be refunded the amount paid by them for office rent during the reconstruction of the Court House of said District ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill to incorporate the Citizens' Railway Company of Charleston, South Carolina ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY presented the petition of the Chester Male Academy Society, asking for a renewal and amendment of their charter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HART presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. F. J. Moses, for post mortem examination ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Senate granted leave to Mr. JOHNSON to withdraw the account of Dr. F. J. Moses, for post mortem examination.

Mr. WARE presented the reports of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the following Bills :

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of Grace Church, Charleston ; and,

A Bill to incorporate the York Gas Light Company.

The reports were ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the last named Bill was ordered to be printed.

Mr. WARE presented the petition of the Board of Trustees of the Gailard School, at Greenville, for an Act of Incorporation ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. IRBY presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marlboro' District, praying for enlarging the powers and jurisdiction of the Ordinary ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McKEWN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools, for St. James', Goose Creek, for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of the Charleston Board of Firemasters, in opposition to the prayer of the Charleston Fire Company of Axemen ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HARRISON presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the following, viz :

The petition of James W. Harrison, for compensation for finding and burying the body of George Keerison ;

Account of the Sheriff of Lexington, for blankets ;

Petition of O. M. Lieber, late State Geologist ;

Account of W. W. Purse, for work in Senate Chamber ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKLING gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a separate Court of Appeals," ratified on the 19th day of December, A. D., 1859 ; and also,

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the Limitation of Actions.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of the Board of Field Officers of the Fourth Brigade of South Carolina Militia, asking aid ; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The Senate then proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company of Infantry within the limits of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the Chester Rifles, and to incorporate the same ;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the sale and delivery of spirituous liquors to slaves and free persons of color ;

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Greenville ;

A Bill to incorporate the Barnwell Railroad Company.

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes, which had been reported by the Joint Committee on Military and Pensions on the part of the Senate, and the Committee on the Military on the part of the House of Representatives, was, on motion of Mr. ALSTON, ordered to *lie on the table*.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the account of Dr. A. E. Davant for services to prisoners in jail ;

On the account of G. A. Fink for public printing ;

On the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for printing ;

On the account of C. E. Davant, Sheriff, for blankets ;

On the account of J. W. Arnold, Sheriff, for blankets ;

On the account of Dr. Jas. H. Norman, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Jos. F. Harrell, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Bates, for post mortem examination.
At half-past 1, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force, and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. BRYAN moved an amendment; which was ordered to be printed.

The Bill and all pending amendments were referred to the Committee of the whole Senate, ordered to sit to-morrow at half-past 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock.

Message No. 3 was received from His Excellency the Governor, and was read and ordered to be printed.

So much as refers to Mr. Black's agency, was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; and

So much as refers to the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. WILSON presented the report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, on so much of the Message No. 1 of the Governor, as relates to the Naval School; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the following papers:

The petition of the City Council of Charleston, praying that the fines for violation of the law in relation to selling liquor without license, and unlawful trading with negroes, within said city, be paid into the City treasury;

The presentment of the Grand Jury for Charleston District, at January Term, 1860, in relation to free negroes riding in carriages and public vehicles.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the account of Drs. Dudley and Moses, was agreed to, and the Senate granted leave to Mr. JOHNSON to withdraw the account.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina;

A Bill to incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad Company.

On motion of Mr. APPLEBY, the Senate adjourned at a quarter-past 3, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1860

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following messages :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 5, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of your body, and has appointed Messrs. O'Connor, Howard, Screven, Lomax, Bates and Nelson, a Committee of this House, to act with the Senate Committee in nominating suitable persons for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 1, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body, that it has appointed Messrs. O'Connor, Howard, Screven, Lomax, Bates and Nelson, a Committee of one from each Congressional District, to nominate suitable persons for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and requests the appointment of a similar Committee by the Senate.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The last-named message was ordered to lie on the table.

The President laid before the Senate the Annual Private Report of the President of the Bank of the State of South Carolina ; which was ordered to lie on the Clerk's table, for the inspection of Senators ; also,

The report of the Solicitor of the Middle Circuit ; also,

The report of the Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit on District Offices ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ; also,

The Comptroller General's Report for 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force ; which received its first reading, and was ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee of the Whole, to-morrow, at half-past 12, P. M., together with the subjects em-

braced in the Special Order for this day, at half-past 12, P. M.; which was discharged for that purpose.

Mr. HOPE presented the petition of Emanuel Taylor and J. L. Wessinger, native citizens of Lexington District, praying to be refunded the sum paid for a license to sell tobacco, supposed to be necessary to become itinerant salesmen; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. FICKLING introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a separate Court of Appeals;" also,

A Bill to amend the law in relation to the Limitation of Actions; which received the first reading, and were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and were ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McCAW introduced

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. BOYKIN submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Kershaw District, for Fall Term, 1860, in relation to slaves hiring their own time; also,

In relation to the Ordinary's office; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury of Kershaw District, for Fall Term, 1860; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, introduced

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of the Governor, and of the City Council of Charleston, over quarantine, and for other purposes," passed on the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; which received the first reading, and was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

The Committee on Claims was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of James R. Todd, praying compensation for injuries sustained by the opening of a public highway over his lands; and it was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. HARRISON presented the petition of sundry citizens of the town of Anderson, praying that no change be made in the charter of said town;

which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; also,

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of R. W. Gibbes, for public printing and binding; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee on the account of Thos. J. Warren, for public printing; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the claim of Lawson Lawrence, for services rendered the State of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. SHARPE presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Pickens District; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The report of the Keowee and Tuckaseegee Turnpike Road, in Pickens District; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, praying that provision be made for payment of the interest on the Bonds of the State, issued under the Act of 1859; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the report of the Solicitor of the Western Circuit on District Offices and Officers.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to afford aid to the Greenville Railroad Company, in regard to the re-adjustment of their debt.

Mr. DELOACH presented the petition of Robert Chisolm, Commissioner of Roads, against the exemption of certain hands from road duty; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to incorporate the Charleston Railway Company of South Carolina;

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Aiken;

A Bill to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad Company;

A Bill to incorporate the York Gas Light Company;

A Bill to incorporate the Citizens' Line Railway Company of Charleston, South Carolina;

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of Grace Church, Charleston.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the petition of J. W. Harrison.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Report of the Joint Committees on Military of the Senate and the House of Representatives (Appropriating \$400,000 ;)

Favorable report of the Committee on the New State House on the account of James Jones, Commissioner ;

Report of the Committee on Military and Pensions on the petition of John McGrath, praying to be placed on the Pension Roll ;

Report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of the Sheriff of Lexington District, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of Oscar M. Lieber, late State Geologist, for arrear of salary ;

Report of the same Committee on the petition of James W. Harrison, praying compensation for finding and burying the body of George Keerison ;

Report of the same Committee on the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Senate Chamber ;

Report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts,

On so much of Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor, as relates to the Naval School of Charleston ; and the petition of the Trustees of said School, praying a continuation of the appropriation for the benefit of the same.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the account of Dr. F. J. Moses, was ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements

On the report of the Charlotte and South Carolina Railroad Company, was agreed to, and the report was ordered to be filed in the office of the Comptroller General.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes, which had received two readings in the Senate and three readings in the House of Representatives. The Bill received the third reading, and it was resolved that the bill do pass ; that the title thereof be changed ; that it be called An Act, and be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders, and all other business before the Senate, was disposed of.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate adjourned at 15 minutes to 2, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the report of the Commissioner of the Code of Statute Law to the General Assembly of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BEATY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Union District, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. DELOACH presented the report of the Commissioner of the Lower District of Prince William's Parish, in relation to the cut in Wimbee Creek; also,

Certificates of members of said Board in relation thereto; which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Charleston, on the subject of prosecutions for petty assaults and their increase, and on the

Presentment of the Grand Jury for Chesterfield, on the subject of the indiscriminate summoning of witnesses in State cases.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on

A Bill to provide for the compensation of witnesses on behalf of the State; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the Report of the Comptroller General on Contingent Accounts against the Lower Division of the Treasury; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

Mr. FICKLING presented the petition of the Beaufort District Troop, for the renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HART presented the petition of the Darlington Agricultural Society, praying for an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts; also,

The petition of the Darlington Guards, praying for an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts was discharged from the further consideration of the memorial of Georgetown Railroad; and it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. FICKLING presented the petition of sundry citizens of Bluffton, praying that the charter of the Town of Bluffton be not repealed; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. SIMPSON gave notice that he will to-morrow, or on some subsequent day, ask leave to introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of "the Charleston Ladies' Association," for the relief of needy widows and orphans, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. HARRISON presented the petition of Alamine Atkins and others, praying that all the right, title and interest of the State, in certain real and personal estate liable to escheat, may be vested in the petitioners; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of the Mechanics, Artizans and others, of the City of Charleston, praying the enactment of a law to prevent free negroes or persons of color from carrying on any trade, calling or occupation in their own name, or the name of others; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. IRBY presented the account of H. Judge Moore & Co., for public printing, in 1860; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Drs. Harrell and Norman, for post mortem examination;

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of R. W. Gibbes, for public printing and binding;

The report of the same Committee on the account of Thomas J. Warren, for public printing;

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the memorial of the Greenville Railroad Company, for aid of the State in the re-adjustment of their debt; and on a Bill on that subject, and the substitute recommended by the Committee; which were, on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON,

ordered to be made the Special Order of the day for Monday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

At half-past 12, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force. (Senate—reported by the Committee on Military and Pensions.)

A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force. (Reported by minority of the same Committee. Offered as a substitute.)

(House Bill) To provide an Armed Military Force.

Pursuant to the order previously made, the Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. LESESNE, one of the Senators from St. Philip's and St. Michael's, in the Chair. After some time spent therein, the Committee rose, the President resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Message No. 4 was received from His Excellency the Governor, and was read by the Executive Secretary :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Columbia, December 7, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

Allow me, in this, my last official communication, a parting word. South Carolina, after many long years of earnest but fruitless efforts to arrest the progress of fanaticism, and stay the hand of aggression upon her rights by the Northern States of the Confederacy—after vain remonstrance and solemn assurance that a free people could never submit to inequality and degradation—has at last determined, with unparalleled unanimity, to sever the bonds that bind her to those States, and part company with those that treat her citizens as aliens and enemies, rather than friends and brethren.

The comparatively small Star which represents her on the national banner, and which has hitherto illumined the path of the traveller in search of Constitutional liberty, must henceforth quit its appointed place, and shine only on a banner consecrated to Equality, Justice, and Southern Rights. To permit it to remain longer in its present association, would only dim its lustre, and ultimately quench its light.

We were told by our great statesman, that the cords of the Union were snapping one by one, and now the last is broken. Could he have lived to witness our regeneration, he would feel himself amply rewarded for all his toils and sacrifices ; and would say, like Simeon of old, " Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

A few more days, and the act of secession will be consummated by the solemn ordinance of a Convention of the people ; and the glad tidings will go forth with lightning speed to every Southern State, to rejoice the hearts

and cheer the drooping spirits of millions anxiously awaiting the signal for a general deliverance.

We have progressed, thus far, with firm and even tread—with calmness and deliberation—but with a constancy of purpose not to be shaken by danger or suffering. A single pause, or the least vacillation, and all will be lost. However anxious we may be for co-operation, or however certain we may be of obtaining it, let us first move ourselves, as the best means of effecting that object, and having forever closed the door from which we have passed out of the Union, so that no insidious devices of the enemy or false promises of pretended friends can avail to open it; then, and not till then, may we with safety seek co-operation, and unite with other States who have resumed their sovereignty, and are prepared to form a more perfect Union, and share with us a common destiny.

Every sentinel should remain at his post, and not relax a fibre until the great work is completed, the great battle fought, and glorious victory won. The delay of the Convention, for a single week, to pass the Ordinance of Secession, will have a blighting and chilling influence upon the action of the other Southern States; and the opponents of the movement everywhere will be encouraged to make another effort to rally their now disorganized and scattered forces, to defeat our action, and stay our onward march. Fabius conquered by delay, and there are those of his school, though with more unworthy purpose, who, shrinking from an open and manly attack, use this veil to hide their deformity, and from a masked battery discharge their missiles; but I trust they will strike the armor of truth, and fall harmless at our feet, and that by the 25th December no flag but the Palmetto will float over any part of South Carolina.

It only remains for me to request the appointment of a Committee to examine the accounts of the Executive Department, and to inform you that I have no further communication to make.

WM. H. GIST.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Message was ordered to be printed, and a Committee on the contingent accounts was ordered.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 7, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body, that Messrs. Buist, Aldrich and Tracy have been appointed a Committee of this House to examine the accounts of the Executive Department, and asks the appointment of a similar Committee by the Senate, to act jointly with the House Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Senate concurred, Messrs. Garlington, Simpson and McCaw, were appointed the Committee, and a message was returned accordingly.

Mr. PALMER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, reported

A Bill to declare a certain portion of Four Holes Creek a navigable stream.

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. WILSON presented the petition of the Georgetown Rifle Guards for incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. BULL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Andrews, for 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The petition of S. Henry Jones, Captain of the Abbeville Artillery, praying arrears of expenses due said Company; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also, the following Bills:

A Bill to increase the salary of the Governor of this State; and

A Bill to alter and amend the tenth section of the first article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; which last Bill had been passed by the last Legislature.* The Bills severally received the first reading, and the first-named Bill was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and the second to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at 4 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the presentment of the Grand Jury for Marlboro' District, Spring Term, 1860; also,

Report of the same Committee on the presentment of the Grand Juries

for Edgefield District, for Spring and Fall Terms, 1860 ; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from the managers of election for St. Mathew's Parish, as follows :

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives :

We, the undersigned, two of the Managers of Elections for St. Mathew's Parish, deputed for that purpose, respectfully represent, that at the election held on the 6th instant, for Delegates to the Convention of the People of this State, only one person received the requisite number of votes—the two remaining candidates having received an equal number of votes. The managers have, therefore, been unable to declare the election as to more than one delegate, while the Parish is entitled to two delegates.

SEBASTIAN F. FELDER,
D. D. JONES.

COLUMBIA, December 8, 1860.

Mr. DANTZLER offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Managers of Elections for St. Mathew's Parish be authorized and required to open the Polls, and hold an election for one Delegate to the Convention of the People of this State, called by an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the calling of a Convention of the People of this State," ratified the thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, on Friday, the fourteenth day of December, (instant,) and that the said Managers shall meet on the day thereafter, and count the votes and declare the election.

On the question of agreeing, the yeas and nays were taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Bull, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Harrison, Keitt, McKewn and Roberds.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Fickling, Garlington, Hampton, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 11.

In the negative, 30.

The resolution was, consequently, not agreed to.

The President, before voting, assigned the reasons of his vote as follows:

It is for the Legislature to provide for the calling of the Convention, and to do all that is necessary to insure the election of members for all the districts and parishes. If it had been brought to the notice of the Legislature that the Managers had not opened the polls in any election precinct, it would be their right and duty to take steps for the holding of the election, if it could be done in time. And so in any other case of default or failure of election.

Nor does such action interfere with the undoubted right of the Convention to judge of the returns and qualifications of its own members. Whoever presents himself and claims a seat in the Convention, will be subject to the right of the body to pronounce judgment upon his claims.

In a word, it is the province of the Legislature to see that elections are held and members returned, and it is the province of the Convention to determine who are entitled to membership. If two or more persons claim a seat, the Convention will decide between them, and so sit in judgment on the action of the Legislature in the last resort.

It having been brought to our notice that there is a default or failure of election for the member in St. Mathew's Parish, I think it competent for the Legislature to order a new writ. I therefore vote aye upon the resolution.

Mr. APPLEBY offered the following resolution ; which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Keeper of the State House be, and he is hereby, directed to extend the Screen on the south side of the Senate Chamber, so as to protect the members from the heat of the fire.

Mr. DELOACH presented the petition of sundry citizens of Prince William's Parish, praying that T. H. Spann be appointed Commissioner on Haulover Cut; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. RHETT presented the report of the Special Joint Committee to nominate President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina ; which was ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed, as follows :

The Special Joint Committee, to whom it was referred to nominate suitable persons for President of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and for Directors to fill the vacancy in Class No. 2, beg leave to report, that they have made the following nominations :

For President—CHARLES M. FURMAN.

For Directors to Fill Class No. 2,

THOMAS RYAN.

C. V. CHAMBERLAIN,

J. H. STEINMEYER,

W. W. SMITH.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following papers :

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for certain volumes of Law and Equity Reports re-printed by them; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Reports of the Medical Committee

On the account of Dr. J. C. Mullins, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Octavius A. White, for post mortem examination; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts :

Reports of the Committee on Claims; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the account of Samuel Watson, for articles furnished prisoners in jail;

On the account of Pendleton Messenger, for public printing;

On the account of Fairfield Herald, for public printing;

On the account of W. J. Graham, Sheriff of Horry District;

On the account of Tilman H. Clark, for the board of a prisoner in jail;

On the account of Fielder Gossett, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following Bills :

A Bill to authorize the issue of Certificates or Stock to provide for the Military defence of the State; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and to be printed;

A Bill to incorporate the West Point Mill Company; which received its first reading, and was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution; which was agreed to :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions, to inquire and report what measures are necessary for the protection and defence of the sea-coast of the State, and that they have leave to report by Bill or otherwise.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to provide for the establishment of our Foreign Diplomacy; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. DELOACH gave notice that on Monday, or on some subsequent day, he will introduce

A Bill to alter and amend the fifteenth section of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the Patrol of this State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same."

Mr. FICKLING presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. Luke's, for a Coast Police ; and also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary on

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a separate Court of Appeals ;" which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate resolutions for the appointment of proxies to represent the Stock of the State in the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company ; which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the bills for printing a portion of the Code ; and the same were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary

On the report of the Commissioner on the Code, recommending the distribution among the members of the Legislature and the Courts of Appeal. The report was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. WILSON presented the petition of sundry citizens of the Town and District of Georgetown, praying the continuance of the Police Guard in said town.

Mr. WARE submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church ; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. ALSTON offered the following resolution ; which, on consideration, was rejected :

Resolved, That the Reporters of the Charleston Mercury and Courier, and the Columbia Guardian and Carolinian, be allowed seats on the floor of the Senate, and that the Doorkeeper be ordered to admit no others without further order of the Senate.

Mr. LESESNE submitted the following report :

The Committee of the whole Senate, to whom was referred the following papers, viz. : "A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force," (Senate Bill, reported by the Committee on Military and Pensions ;) "A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force," (reported by minority of same committee ;) also, a House "Bill to provide an Armed Military Force," report, That they have considered the same, and ask leave to report to the Senate "The Bill to provide an Armed Military Force," reported by the Committee on Military and Pensions, and recommend its passage, with the following amend-

ment, (Here follows Mr. Marshall's amendment, as amended by the Committee of the Whole,) and that they be discharged from the further consideration of the other matters referred to them.

The report was ordered to lie on the table.

The House Bill was then taken up, and amended by substituting the amendment of Mr. MARSHALL therefor, by striking out all after the enacting clause. The title of the same Bill was also so amended that it reads, "A Bill to provide a Military Force."

The Bill, as amended, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The other subjects referred to the Committee were ordered to lie on the table.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to provide for our Coast and Harbor Defences; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, it was ordered that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go into a ballot for Governor of the State on Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and immediately thereafter for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. HARRISON offered the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the new State House furnish the Senate, at his earliest convenience, with an approximate estimate of the cost of finishing the walls and putting the permanent roof on the said building.

Also, the cost of a temporary roof.

Also, the probable loss to the State, resulting from a rescission of contracts already entered into by the Commissioner, by and with the consent of the contractors.

Also, whether any, or all, of the said contractors would receive, in payment for work and materials, the bonds of the State, at par, or at such rates as may be fixed by the Legislature, provided such contracts were continued.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the account of the Laurensville Herald, for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and concurred in:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 8, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite in a ballot for Governor at 1 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday next.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Sumter; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. SESSIONS, the Senate adjourned at 2 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

ADDITIONAL SENATOR.

The Hon. C. R. BOYLE, Senator from St. Paul's, appeared at his seat in the Senate.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the reports of the Solicitors of the Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Middle Circuits, on District Offices and Officers; also,

The report of the same Committee on the account of McCarter & Dawson, for sixty-two copies of the twelfth volume of Richardson's Law Reports; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES also presented the petition of sundry citizens of Sumter, for a Magistrate, in place of one deceased; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the account of McCarter & Dawson, for re-printing Law and Equity Reports; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, which had passed the House of Representatives, to increase the salary of the Governor; also,

The report of the same Committee, on the petition of Taylor and Wessinger, asking to be refunded a sum paid by them for license to sell tobacco; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the presentment of the Grand Jury for Barnwell District, Fall Term, 1860; also,

The report of the same Committee on the presentment of the Grand Juries for Charleston District, April and June Terms, 1860; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. DELOACH introduced

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the Patrol of this State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same," passed in the year 1839; which received the first reading, was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BOYLE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. James' Parish, for the year 1860; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. BOYLE gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate a Volunteer Military Corps, entitled the St. Paul's Rifles.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Special Joint Committee appointed to examine the contingent accounts of His Excellency the Governor; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on so much of the report of the Commissioner of the Code of the Statute Law as relates to the salary of himself and clerks; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LESESNE presented the memorial of sundry citizens, urging the organization of a Military Engineer Corps, and suggesting a plan for the same; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to alter and amend the tenth section of the first article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WILSON presented the memorial of the Intendant and Wardens of Georgetown, praying an amendment of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of the Governor and of the City Council of Charleston over Quarantine, and for other purposes," passed on the 20th day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two;

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Sumter;

A Bill to declare a certain portion of Four Holes Creek navigable;

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville.

The unfavorable reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings

On the presentment of the Grand Juries for Edgefield and Marlboro' Districts, relative to new Court Houses for those Districts; which were agreed to.

The General Orders were disposed of.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the memorial of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, for aid of the State in the re-adjustment of their debt, and on a Bill (introduced by the Senator from Newberry) on the same subject. The Committee recommend a substitute.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the special order was discharged, and the same subject was made the special order for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

All the business before the Senate was disposed of.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at 1 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on the communication of J. L. Petigru, Esq., Commissioner of the Code, accompanying the printed copies of so much of the Code as is prepared, and relating to his salary and that of his assistants, and to printing and stationery furnished under his order; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McKEWN presented the account of H. H. Flatman, praying compensation for conveying a prisoner to jail; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. McCRAW presented the petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying the regulation of fees for a constable, and other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FURMAN presented reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on reports of the Medical Committee of the House:

On account of Dr. O. A. White, for post mortem examination;

On account of Dr. J. C. Mullins, for post mortem examination.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from John Hart, in relation to postal arrangements; which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

Mr. CANNON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Greenville District, praying that the Saluda Turnpike Road be leased to them; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. DANTZLER presented the petition of William McKinney, in regard to leasing the Saluda Turnpike Road; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to authorize the issue of certificates or stock to provide for the military defence of the State; which was made the Special Order for tomorrow, at half-past 12 o'clock, and the report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the petition of sundry citizens of Cheraw and its vicinity, praying for the passage of an Act staying the collection of debts by legal process; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the petition of sundry citizens of Abbeville, praying that an Act may be passed exempting volunteer companies now

being formed from militia duty, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. BOYLE introduced

A Bill to incorporate the St. Paul's Rifles; which received its first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate, pursuant to previous orders, joined the House of Representatives in balloting for Governor.

Messrs. Heyward and Hope were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Federal Relations, on

So much of Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor as relates to Federal Relations, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on

A Bill (introduced in the Senate) to provide for the compensation of witnesses in behalf of the State, was agreed to, and the Bill was rejected.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish a separate Court of Appeals," was before the Senate on the second reading.

Mr. MAZYCK moved to strike out the first section, which is as follows:

"That the Court of Appeals established by an Act entitled 'An Act to establish a separate Court of Appeals, ratified on the nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine,' shall hereafter consist of four Judges; that is to say: of the Chief Justice and the two Associate Judges now composing the Court of Appeals, and one other Associate Judge, who shall be chosen by joint ballot of the Legislature, immediately after the ratification of this Act, and shall have all the powers and authority, in all respects whatever, as now exercised by law by the Judges of the existing Court of Appeals, and shall be entitled to the same salary as the present Associate Judges of the Court of Appeals."

The question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hart, Irby, Keitt, Marshall, Mazyck, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Barker, Boyle, Bull,

Fickling, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Lesesne, Manning, McAliley, Moses, Rhett, Roberds, Wagner and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 18.

The section was, therefore, stricken out.

On motion of Mr. FICKLING, the bill was then ordered to *lie on the table*.

The General Orders were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on memorial of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, for aid of the State in the re-adjustment of their debt, and on a Bill (introduced by the Senator from Newberry) on the same subject. The Committee recommend a substitute.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for half-past 1, P. M., to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the account of McCarter & Dawson, for sixty-two copies of the twelfth volume of Richardson's Law Reports, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The following reports were agreed to :

Report of Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the presentment of the Grand Juries for Charleston District, April and June Terms, 1860 ;

Report of the same Committee on the presentment of the Grand Jury for Barnwell District, Fall Term, 1860 ;

Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the petition of Taylor & Wessinger, asking to be refunded a sum paid by them for license to sell tobacco, &c. ;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on reports of the Solicitors of the Northern, Southern, Eastern, Western and Middle Circuits, on District Offices and Officers.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to increase the salary of the Governor of this State, being before the Senate for consideration,

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the report be ordered to lie on the table, for the purpose of taking up the Bill for a second reading.

Mr. HARRISON moved, as an amendment, that the Bill reported be ordered to lie on the table ; which was agreed to.

The reports of the Committee on the Judiciary

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for reprinting Law and Equity Reports ; and

On so much of the report of the Commissioner on the Code as relates to the salary of himself and his clerks ; which were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were again suspended.

Mr. HEYWARD, from the Committee to count the ballots for Governor, reported that neither of the gentlemen voted for had received a majority of the ballots.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 11, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite forthwith in a second ballot for Governor.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and immediately joined in the ballot.

Messrs. Irby and Keitt were appointed the Committee, on the part of the Senate, to count the ballots.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the following report :

The Richland Delegation, to whom was referred a joint resolution of the General Assembly, requesting this Delegation to make the necessary arrangements for the approaching session of the State Convention, have discharged the duty assigned to them, and beg leave to report :

That the President and Directors of the Columbia Athenæum having tendered their Hall for the use of the Convention, and the Delegation thinking this Hall the best in the city for the purposes indicated, they have accepted the offer which has been so handsomely made. The Athenæum Rooms will therefore be ready for the Convention on Monday next.

The report was ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the petition of James R. Todd ; which was ordered for consideration to morrow.

A Bill to alter and amend the tenth section of the first article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina, which had passed the last Leg-

islature, and had been twice read in the House of Representatives at the present session, was before the Senate on the second reading.

On the question of agreeing, the yeas and nays are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Bryan, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Barker, Boyle, Bull, Furman, Garlington, Manning, Mazyck, Montgomery and Palmer.

In the affirmative, 34.

In the negative, 10.

Two-thirds of the whole representation in the Senate voting in the affirmative, the Bill was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at 3, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. IRBY, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Governor, reported that neither of the gentlemen voted for had received a majority of the ballots.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, in which the Senate concurred :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 11, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite in a third ballot for Governor to-morrow, the 12th instant, at 12.30, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill to provide a Military Force.

The Senate proceeded to the third reading of the Bill, when it appeared that the House, on the third reading, had stricken out the amendments adopted by the Senate on the second reading, and had likewise restored the title of the Bill. Under the rules of the Senate, the amendments were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. HARRISON presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the accounts of the Laurensville Herald, for public printing ;

On the account of H. Judge Moore, for public printing ;

On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for printing a portion of the Code of Statute Law of South Carolina ; also,

The report of the same Committee

On the petition of Lawson Lawrence, for burying the body of Walter Worley, a pauper.

The report of the same Committee

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives on the petition of S. Henry Jones, praying payment of arrears due the Abbeville Artillery. &c. ;

On the account of Fielder Gossett, for blankets furnished a prisoner in jail ;

On the account of Tilman H. Clark, for board for a prisoner ;

On the account of the Pendleton Messenger, for public printing ;

On the account of the Fairfield Herald, for public printing ;

On the account of W. J. Graham, Sheriff of Horry District ;

On the account of Samuel Watson, for articles furnished prisoners in jail ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on Claims and Grievances was discharged from the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives

On the account of McCarter & Dawson for certain volumes of Law and Equity Reports re-printed by them.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the patrol of the State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same," passed in the year 1839 ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on Military and Pensions was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of sundry citizens of St. Luke's Parish, praying for a Coast Police ; also,

From the further consideration of

A Bill to provide for our coast and harbor defences.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the report of the Committee on the new State House on the Commissioner's report, and so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to the new State House; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. HARRISON presented the following resolution; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the Librarian deliver to the Attorney General and to the Solicitors each one copy of the compilations of the law in relation to Elections, and of the law in relation to Commissioners of the Poor, and also one copy to each of the "Report of the Commissioner on the Code."

Pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate joined the House on a third ballot for Governor.

Messrs. Johnson and Lesesne were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. DANTZLER presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements

On the memorial of the Georgetown Railroad, asking the construction of a bridge across Black River without a draw; and also,

The counter memorial of sundry citizens of Georgetown District against the same; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee on resolutions of the House, appointing proxies for the Union and Spartanburg Railroad; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The committee on Roads and Buildings was discharged from the further consideration of the report of Keowee and Tuckaseegee Turnpike Road, in Pickens District; and it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements; also,

From the further consideration of the report of the Commissioners of Roads for St. James', Goose Creek; and it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the report of the Commissioner of the new State House, in response to a resolution of the Senate for information relative to the discontinuance of the work; which was ordered to lie on the table, and to be printed.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Joint Special Committee on the part of the Senate, on the contingent accounts of the Executive Department, in which that House had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

The report of the Special Committee of the House of Representatives, to whom was referred the annual returns of the trustees of the estate of Dr. John DeLa Howe; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; and also,

The report of the Special Joint Committee on the part of the House of Representatives, giving information of the selection of the Athenæum Hall for the State Convention, to assemble on the 17th inst. The report was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

At half-past 12, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour,

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to authorize the issue of certificates of stock to provide for the military defence of the State.

The Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for the same hour to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives, on the account of Dr. J. C. Mullins, for a post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. O. A. White, for a post mortem examination; and the reports of the Committee of the House of Representatives were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the petition of James R. Todd, praying compensation for injuries sustained by the opening of a highway over his land, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the following report:

The Committee on Military and Pensions, to whom was referred the amendments made by the House of Representatives, on the third reading, to a Bill to provide for a Military Force, beg leave respectfully to Report, That they have considered the same, and recommend that the Senate ad-

here to the amendments made by the Senate on the second reading, and which have been stricken out by the House of Representatives on the third reading.

The report having been immediately considered, was agreed to, and a message was sent to the House asking leave to restore the Senate amendments, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee.

On motion of Mr. BRYAN, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the memorial of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, for aid of the State in the re-adjustment of their debt, and on a Bill (introduced by the Senator from Newberry) on the same subject. The Committee recommend a substitute.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for the same hour to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Marion District, praying for the passage of an Act to compel the keeping of lawful fences around cultivated lands on Lynch's Creek and Lynch's Lake; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The account of Drs. Dudley and Moses, for post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

On motion of Mr. BULL, the Senate adjourned at 20 minutes past 1 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. WAGNER submitted the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices on the Comptroller General's report on contingent accounts against the Lower Division of the Treasury; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LESESNE submitted the report of the Special Joint Committee on so much of the Governor's Message No. 1 as relates to a postal arrangement for the State; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. DELOACH presented the account of the Clerk of the Senate for stationery and other small expenses; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of Samuel Watson, Sheriff of Sumter, praying relief touching a tax execution; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the account of George M. Fairlee, for advertising elections; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following paper:

The report of the Joint Committees of the Military and Pensions of the Senate, and Military of the House of Representatives, on certain resolutions of instruction in relation to the defence of the State; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. JOHNSON, from the Committee to count the ballots for Governor, reported that neither of the gentlemen voted for had received a majority of the ballots east.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 12, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite in a fourth ballot for Governor to-morrow, at 12.30, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate then proceeded to the House of Representatives and joined in the ballot.

Messrs. Manning and Marshall were appointed the Committee to count the ballots on the part of the Senate.

Mr. RHETT submitted the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion on the report of the Special Committee of the House of Representatives on the report of the Trustees of the DeLa Howe Farm School in Abbeville; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock for continuing the construction of the new State House.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the new State House and Grounds, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the account of Drs. Dudley and Moses, for post mortem examination ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

At half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour, the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to authorize the issue of Certificates of Stock to provide for the Military Defence of the State.

The Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the report of the Senate Committee on Finance and Banks, on the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby, praying for a renewal of certificate of stock, and asks leave of the Senate to amend, by substituting in lieu of the resolution appended to the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, the resolution hereto appended.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

(Schedule.)

"*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Lower Division do issue to Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby two certificates of State six per cent. Stock, to wit : One certificate for six hundred dollars to be numbered three hundred and eighteen, and one certificate for three thousand dollars, to be numbered two hundred and ninety-one, in lieu of the original certificates, lost or mislaid."

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. MANNING, from the Committee appointed to count the fourth ballot for Governor, reported that neither of the gentlemen voted for had received a majority of the ballots cast.

On motion of Mr. ALLEN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a fifth ballot ; and the House assenting, and returning a message, the Senate proceeded to join in the ballot.

Messrs. McAliley and McCaw were appointed the Committee to count the ballots.

Mr. WILSON gave notice that to-morrow, or on some subsequent day, he will move to amend the 29th Rule of the Senate.

Mr. HARRISON gave notice that he will, to-morrow, or on some subsequent day, ask leave to introduce

A Bill, to incorporate the "Western Carolina Insurance Company and Savings Bank Institution."

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Joint Special Committee on the part of the House of Representatives, consisting of the Committees on Military and Pensions of the Senate, and Military of the House of Representatives, on resolutions of instruction relative to the defence of the State; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McCRAW, from the Committee to count the fifth ballot for Governor, reported that neither of the gentlemen voted for had received a majority of the ballots cast.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing a sixth ballot forthwith; and the House having returned a message of concurrence, the Senate again joined the House of Representatives in the ballot.

Messrs. McKewn and Montgomery were appointed the Committee of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. CANNON offered the following resolution; which was considered, and agreed to, and the committee was instructed accordingly:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, to inquire and report whether, under the Constitution of the State, a citizen having the property qualification in several election districts, is entitled to vote in more than one election district; and, also, whether a qualified elector may vote for Senator in one election district and for Representatives in another.

Mr. DANTZLER offered a resolution in relation to leasing the Saluda turnpike road; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for printing a portion of the Code of Statute Law of South Carolina;

On the account of H. Judge Moore, for public printing ;

On the account of the Laurensville Herald, for public printing ;

On the petition of Lawson Lawrence, for burying the body of Walter Worley, a pauper ; also,

The following papers were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

Reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the petition of S. Henry Jones, Captain of the Abbeville Artillery, praying arrears of expenses due said company ;

On the account of W. J. Graham, Sheriff of Horry District ;

On the account of the Fairfield Herald, for public printing ;

On the account of the Pendleton Messenger, for public printing ;

On the account of Tilman H. Clark, for board of a prisoner in jail ;

On the account of Fielder Gossett, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of Samuel Watson, for articles furnished prisoners in jail.

The resolution to appoint proxies to represent the stock of the State in the Convention of Stockholders of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad, was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions on

A Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina, was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled an " An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the Patrol of the State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same," passed in the year 1839 ; also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled " An Act to establish a separate Court of Appeals."

The General Orders were disposed of.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following papers :

Report of the Committee on Claims

On the account of Dr. L. B. Graham, for attending criminals, in jail ;

On the account of Dr. H. W. Moore, for attending prisoners in jail ;

On the account of L. M. Gentry, Sheriff of Spartanburg District, for articles furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the petition of A. A. Nettles, praying to be refunded money paid by him ;

On the account of Dr. Augustus D. Hoke, for medical services rendered prisoner in jail ;

On the account of R. C. Logan, for public printing ;

On the account of A. N. Talley, M. D., for services rendered prisoners in jail ;

On the account of James Johnson, Sheriff, for blankets furnished jail ;

On the account of Samuel Beard, Sheriff, for blankets furnished for jail ;

On the account of the Courier Office of Charleston ;

On the account of W. M. Connor, for public printing ; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances :

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the annual report of the Commissioners of the Poor of the City of Charleston ; also,

On the petition of James Jones, Commissioner of the New State House, praying the payment of his salary for the year 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses leave to your body to restore to " A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force " the amendments made by the Senate on its second reading, and which were stricken out by this House on its third reading, which amendment is contained in the enclosed schedule.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

To this the Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave ; and also, asking a Committee of Conference, and informing the House that Messrs. Marshall, Alston, Harrison, Bryan and Allen were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. McKEWN, from the Committee to count the sixth ballot for Governor, reported that neither of the candidates voted for had received a majority of the ballots cast.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go into a seventh ballot forthwith.

On motion of Mr. DELOACH, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

On motion of Mr. McKEWN, the Senate adjourned at a quarter past 4 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully insists upon refusing to grant leave to the Senate to amend "A Bill to provide an Armed Military Force," by restoring the amendments made by the Senate on its second reading, and which were stricken out by this House on the third reading, which amendments are contained in the schedule hereto attached. This House respectfully assents to the proposition of the Senate for the appointment of a Committee of Conference on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses, and has appointed Messrs. Edwards, Green, Cuninghame, Moore, J. H. Williams, Butler and Henegan, a Committee to act with the Senate Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following papers :

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections

On reports of the several delegations as to vacancies in their respective Boards of managers of elections from death, resignation or otherwise ; and also,

On sundry petitions in reference to elections, managers of elections and places of election ; which were severally referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections :

Reports of the Medical Committee

On the account of Dr. Wm. Pettigrew ;

On the account of Dr. H. W. Moore ;

On the account of Edward H. Keller ;

On the account of Dr. Augustus D. Hoke ;

On the account of Dr. W. J. David ;

On the account of W. T. Dargan ;

On the account of Dr. J. J. Broyles ;

On the account of Dr. J. J. Goodwyn ;

On the account of R. W. Hale ;

On the account of Dr. William Magill ;

On the account of Dr. J. G. Traynham, for post mortem examinations ; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts :

Report of the Committee on Claims

On the account of John Bomar, asking compensation for a slave executed under the sentence of the law ;

On the account of John D. M. Dobbins, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of H. H. Hicks, for services as special Constable ;

On the account of Dr. T. J. Teague, for services rendered Commissioners of the Poor for Edgefield District ;

On the petition of Jos. F. Church, praying compensation for a slave executed under the sentence of the law ;

On the petition of B. F. Arthur, praying compensation for work ordered by the Legislature ; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances :

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for sixty-two copies of the twelfth volume of Richardson's Law Reports ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances :

The report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess damages to D. C. Tompkins, for injury to him by opening a road through his land ;

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess damages to Thos. B. Reese, for injuries done him by opening a new road through his land ;

On the petition of Emily Rowland, praying compensation for opening a road through her land, &c. ;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Roads and other citizens of Anderson District, in the Fourth Regiment, to re-establish the Posted Road from Moses Dean's to Varennes ;

On the petition of A. B. Estes and others, praying that a certain road in Barnwell District be closed ; which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings :

The report of the Committee on the Military

On so much of the Message of His Excellency the Governor as relates to the record of the Documents and Correspondence of the Palmetto Regiment ; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions ; also,

The report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts

On so much of Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor as relates to the Naval School of Charleston, and the petition of the trustees of said

school, praying a continuation of the appropriation for the benefit of the same :

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks

On the petition of Jacob F. Schirmer, for the renewal of certificates of stock alleged to be lost :

The report of the same Committee

On the petition of Eliza M. Bonneau, executrix of John Ewing Bonneau, for a renewal of a certificate of three per cent. stock alleged to be lost or mislaid.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite in another ballot for Governor, to-morrow, at 12.30 P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

Which was concurred in, and a message was returned accordingly.

Mr. HARRISON presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the reports of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the following accounts :

On the account of James Johnson, for blankets ;

On the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for services to prisoners ;

On the account of W. M. Connor, for public printing ;

On the account of A. Wingo, Sheriff of Spartanburg ;

On the account of Saml. Beard, Sheriff, for blankets ;

On the account of Dr. Augustus D. Hoke, for services to prisoners ;

On the account of L. M. Gentry, Sheriff of Spartanburg District, for articles furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of the Courier office, Charleston, for public printing ;

On the account of R. C. Logan, for public printing ;

On the petition of A. A. Nettles, praying to be refunded money paid by him ;

On the account of Dr. H. W. Moore, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HART presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. R. A. Kinloch, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of the estate of Dr. J. C. Webster, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. B. W. Lawton, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. C. Davega, for post mortem examination ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Vestry of the Parish Church of St. James', (Goose Creek,) on the Ludlam School Fund for the year 1860 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on Military and Pensions, reported

A Bill to establish a Military Corps of Engineers ; which received the first reading, was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. DELOACH offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the General Assembly take a recess from to-day, at 6 o'clock, P. M., to meet in Charleston on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. HARRISON moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word from, and inserting Monday next, at 12 M., until the second day of January next, at 7 P. M.

Mr. BRYAN then moved that both resolution and amendment do lie on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Boykin, Bryan, Bull, Dantzler, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Hart, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, Rhett, Roberds and Sharpe.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boyle, Cannon, DeLoach, Harrison, Johnson, Mazyck, Montgomery, Palmer, Sessions, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, Watson and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 26.

In the negative, 17.

They were therefore ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the account of Dr. W. T. W. Baker, for post mortem examination ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the account of J. E. Brennan, for post mortem examination ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. LESESNE presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary On the memorial of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce, praying legislation touching the Usury Laws ; and on

A Bill to suspend in part the operation of the Usury Laws ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WAGNER presented the following resolution ; which was agreed to :

- *Resolved*, That the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices on the Comptroller General's report on the Contingent Accounts of the Lower Division, be submitted without reading, and laid upon the desk of the Clerk for information of the members ; and that said report be made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., and then be submitted for consideration without reading, except as to such portions thereof as may be called for by any member.

Mr. RIETT presented the petition of the Stuart Fire Company for an Act of Incorporation ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House

On the accounts of Dr. T. R. Aldrich, for post mortem examinations.

Mr. APPLEBY submitted the reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives

On the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Melvin Greenland, for post mortem examination ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARKER presented the reports of the same Committee on the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives

On the account of Dr. W. F. Percival, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. F. S. Lewie, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. W. Fraser, for post mortem examination ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DANTZLER submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements

On certain petitions and a resolution relative to leasing the Saluda turn-pike road ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour,

The report of the Special Joint Committee, on the part of the Senate, on so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to postal arrangements.

The report was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. LESESNE offered the following resolution, which was also agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the Clerks of the Senate and of the House of Representatives send copies of the report and resolution on postal arrangements to every postmaster in the State.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee to count the seventh ballot for Governor, reported that Francis W. Pickens had received a majority of the ballots cast. He was thereupon declared by the PRESIDENT to have been duly elected.

A motion was made by Mr. MOSES for the appointment of a Committee, and the request of the House of Representatives to join in constituting it a joint one, to inform the Governor elect of his election, and to inquire when it will suit him to qualify. The order was passed, and Messrs. Moses and Watson were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. WILSON offered the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to :

Resolved, That the 29th Rule of the Senate be amended so as to read: When no hour is fixed by a vote of the Senate, the hour to which the Senate, on an adjournment, shall be deemed to stand adjourned, shall be 12 o'clock, M., of the following day, except Sunday.

On motion of Mr. HOPE, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go forthwith into a ballot for Lieutenant Governor, and the House having returned a message of concurrence, the Senate joined the House of Representatives in the ballot. Messrs. Rhett and Roberds were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

At a quarter past 3 o'clock, P. M., a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following Senators answered to their names :

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Blakeny, Boykin, Boyle, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Garlington, Hampton, Hart, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware and Wilson.

Messrs. Barnes and E. G. Palmer were reported sick. Other Senators were announced as being absent on business of the Senate. The further call was dispensed with.

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 14, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of your body to appoint a Committee to act with the Senate Committee in communicating with the Governor elect, and ascertaining when it will suit him to qualify, and have accordingly appointed Messrs. Jennings, McGowan and Howard, such Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 14, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body that Messrs. Jennings, McGowan and Howard, have been appointed a Committee on the part of this House to communicate with the Governor elect, and ascertain when it will suit him to qualify, and asks the appointment of a similar Committee by the Senate to act jointly with the House Committee on this subject.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The last was ordered to lie on the table.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. SIMPSON introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to vest in certain persons all the right, title and interest of the State, by escheat, in and to certain property.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ROBERDS, from the Committee to count the ballots for Lieutenant Governor on the first ballot, reported that neither of the gentlemen voted for had received a majority of the ballots east.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing another ballot forthwith, and the House having concurred, the Senate joined the House in the second ballot. Messrs. Sessions and Sharpe were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution ; which was considered and agreed to :

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Banks of the Senate be instructed to consider and report to this body, at its next regular session, whether a better plan cannot be devised for the auditing and allowing of the contingent accounts annually rendered against the State.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,
Report of the Committee on Claims

On the account of Dr. Ed. B. Smith ;

On the account of Dr. T. A. Perritt ;

On the account of J. H. Means, for recording done in the Secretary of State's office ;

On the petition of M. A. Harden and others, asking to be paid for services as Jurors ;

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Representatives' Hall for the year 1860 ;

On the account of E. H. Gasque, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail, and candles furnished the Court of Common Pleas for Marion District ;

On the account of James M. Hutto, for *nulla bona* costs on Tax executions ;

On the account of Douglass & Calvo, for public printing ;

On the accounts of E. R. Stokes, for public binding ;

On the account of E. A. Bronson, for public printing ;

On the account of S. P. Leard, for dieting negro while in his custody ;

On the account of the Keowee Courier, for public printing ;

On the account of Fielder Gossett, jailor, for blankets furnished jail ;

On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery furnished the House of Representatives and public offices ;

On the account of the Orangeburg Southron, for advertising ;

On the account of R. A. Pagan, Sheriff of Chester District, for blankets furnished jail ;

On the account of Hamilton Wilson ;

On the account of Alfred Denson, Constable ; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances :

Report of the Judiciary Committee

On a resolution of inquiry as to the disposal of the Law and Equity Reports of the State :

Report of the same Committee on the communication of the State Reporter accompanying the twelfth volume of Richardson's Law Reports ; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means

On the return of the disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund for Georgetown ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks :

Report of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures

On the resolution relative to dredging or deepening of Sullivan's Island or Maffit Channel; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements :

Reports of the Medical Committee

On the account of Dr. John L. Ancrum, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Samuel Logan, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. A. N. Bellinger, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Drs. Powell and Templeton, for post mortem examination and professional attention to prisoners in jail ;

On the accounts of Dr. Edward B. Smith, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. F. Peyre Porcher, for post mortem examination ; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The House of Representatives returned, concurred in,

Report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the petition of Oscar M. Lieber, late State Geologist, for arrears of salary, &c.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill (introduced by Mr. McAliley) to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company in the readjustment of their debt, was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at a quarter past 1 o'clock, P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Favorable report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina, was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for Saturday, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report (favorable, with amendments) of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to authorize the issue of certificates or stock to provide for the military defence of the State, was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at a quarter past 12 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at 20 minutes past 3 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from Henry Buist, chairman of the Charleston Delegation, inclosing a communication from the President of the Hibernian Society, tendering the use of that hall for the Legislature.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully requests the appointment by your body of a Committee. to act jointly with a Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. W. C. Black, Mobley, Blackwell, W. G. DeSaussure, Screven and Hoke, on the subject of a recess of the General Assembly.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and appointed Messrs. Cannon, Fickling, Allen, Johnson, Hart and Barker, a Committee to act in connection with the Committee of the House.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body, that Messrs. Dozier, Macfarlan and Mullins, have been appointed a Committee on the part of this House to communicate with the Governor elect, and ascertain when it will suit him to qualify, and asks the appointment of a similar Committee by Senate, to act jointly with the Committee of this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and Messrs. Johnson and Blakeney were appointed the Committee to act in connection with the Committee of the House.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

Resolution in relation to arrangements for the sitting of the Convention ; which was concurred in :

Report of the Committee on Claims

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for binding Rules and Journal of the House :
Report of the Medical Committee

On the accounts of Dr. P. A. Wilhite, for services rendered prisoners in jail ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. McALILEY presented the reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means

On the petition of James Jones, Commissioner of the New State Capitol, asking to be paid his salary for 1860 ; also,

On the annual report of the Commissioners of the Poor of the City of Charleston ; also,

On the report of the same Committee

On a message from the House, asking leave to amend a resolution of the Senate in relation to the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. DANTZLER presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements

On the report of the Keowee and Tuckaseegee Turnpike Road ;

On the report of the President and Secretary of the South Carolina Agricultural Society.

Mr. DANTZLER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, reported

A Bill to alter and amend the second Section of an Act entitled " An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to fish sluices on the Catawba and Wateree rivers, and for other purposes ;" which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Education, on the report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the report of the Committee on the New State House, on the House Bill to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHARPE, from the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Lieutenant Governor, reported that W. W. Harllee had received a majority of all the votes cast. He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT to be duly elected.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Columbia, December 15, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. John A. Elmore has been appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the State of Alabama a

Commissioner to the State of South Carolina, to confer with the Governor and Convention of the people on the present condition of Federal affairs, and that he has arrived and presented his credentials to me.

W. H. GIST.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Special Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Hon. John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama to this State, and ascertain whether he would be pleased to communicate with this General Assembly, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to appoint a similar Committee, to act as a Joint Committee with the Committee of the Senate, and that the Hon. John A. Elmore be invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate.

Which resolution was agreed to.

Messrs. Garlington, Rhett and Hampton were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the following report of the Special Joint Committee appointed to wait on the Honorable John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama :

The Special Joint Committee appointed to wait on the Hon. John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama to this State, and ascertain whether he would be pleased to communicate with the General Assembly, ask leave to report, That they have discharged that duty, and that the Hon. John A. Elmore, in answer to the inquiry of your Committee, states that by the terms of his commission it will be more proper for him to communicate with the Convention of the people of this State, to assemble on the 17th inst.

The Senate granted leave of absence to the Senator from Williamsburg, from and after 2 o'clock, P. M., to-day, on account of sickness in his family.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks of your body the appointment of a Committee, to act with a Committee consisting of Messrs. Green, Bookter, Gibbes and Adams, appointed by this House to provide suitable arrangements for the sitting of the State Convention to be held in this city on the 17th inst.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Messrs. Hampton, Wilson and Roberds were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., a call of the Senate was ordered. The following Senators answered to their names :

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner and Wilson.

Messrs. Barnes, E. G. Palmer and Watson were reported sick. A number of Senators were absent on Committees, by leave of the Senate.

The Messenger was dispatched to summon the absentees. The following report was made by the Messenger :

IN THE SENATE, December 15, 1860.

To the Honorable, the President of the Senate :

The Messenger reports that he has been unable to find any of the absent Senators except the Senators from Barnwell and Williamsburg. The latter has rendered himself in the Senate Chamber ; the former has gone home.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. GAILLAIRD.

The further call was dispensed with.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, report of the Committee on Claims

On the account of M. B. Ward, for blankets furnished the jail ;

On the petition of John H. Hood, for compensation for a slave deserted by his master ;

On Message No. 3 of His Excellency the Governor, relating to the report of James A. Black, Agent of the State ;

On the account of Davis & Crews, for public printing ;

On the account of W. C. Chewing, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of the Charleston Evening News, for public printing ;

On the account of the Chester Standard, for public printing ;

On the account of Stanton & Hyne, for public printing ;

On the account of Barnabas Williamson, administrator, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of Gilbert & Darr, for public printing ;

On the account of James Powell, for public printing ;

On the account of James A. Hoyt, for public printing ;

On the account of Hamett & Machen, for public printing ;

On the account of J. W. Tarbox, for public printing ;

On the account of Francis DeLorme, proprietor of the Sumter Dispatch, for public printing ;

On the account of J. M. Brown, for public printing ;

On the account of James D. Nance, for public printing ;

On the account of G. M. McJunkin, against the State, for printing ;

On the account of L. M. Grist, for public printing ;

On the account of L. F. & L. S. Brockinton, for services rendered prisoners in jail ; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Reports of the Medical Committee

On the account of W. W. Fraser, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of S. F. Parrott, for post mortem examination ;

On the report of the Roper Hospital ;

On the account of Dr. James F. Pearce, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Z. R. Fulmore, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. R. V. Donnelly, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. M. L. Steele, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Edward Westfeldt, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau, for post mortem examination :

Report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum on the Regents' report ; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts :

Report of the Special Joint Committee appointed to examine the contingent accounts of the Governor ; which was ordered to lie on the table :

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means

On the petition of H. Laurens Toomer, for remission of double tax ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks :

Report of the Committee on Agriculture

On the report of the President and Secretary of the State Agricultural Society ; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements :

Report of the Committee on Incorporations

On the petition of sundry citizens of Cheraw, praying an extension of the corporate limits of the town ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts :

Report of the Special Committee of the York and Lancaster Delegations

On the account of D. J. Rice, Indian Agent, for services rendered to the Catawba tribe of Indians ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks :

Report of the same Committee

On account of Adam Ivey, former agent, for services rendered the Catawba Indians ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the report of the Committee of Conference on providing suitable accommodations for the State Convention ; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, and to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR QUARTER-PAST 12 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report (favorable, with amendments) of the Committee on Finance and Banks on a Bill to authorize the issue of certificates or stock to provide for the military defence of the State ; which was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 12 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices ; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR QUARTER-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill (introduced by Mr. McAliley) to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company in the readjustment of their debt ; which was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Favorable report of the Committee on Military and Pensions on a Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina ; which was made the Special Order of the day for Monday next, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and was ordered to lie on the table :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body that it has appointed Messrs. Buist, Wm. Whaley, and Aldrich, a Special Committee to wait upon Hon. John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama to this State, and ascertain whether he would be pleased to communicate with this Gen-

eral Assembly, and asks the appointment of a similar Committee by the Senate, to act jointly with the Committee of this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections on the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House of Representatives, in relation to the Managers and Places of Election.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the following report :

The Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives, to whom was referred "A Bill to provide an armed Military Force," beg leave to report, That they have had a free conference upon the subject-matter committed to them, and recommend that all after the enacting clause in the House Bill be stricken out, and a substitute adopted, which is herewith reported.

The report and amendments were agreed to. The third reading of the Bill was suspended.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following unfavorable reports were agreed to, and the House reports were rejected, to wit :

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives on the account of Dr. Melvin Greenland, for post mortem examination ;

On the report of the same Committee on the account of Dr. J. Ford Prieau, for post mortem examination ;

On the report of the same Committee on the account of Dr. J. C. Dargan, for post mortem examination.

The following reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts were agreed to by the Senate, and messages were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives accordingly, to wit :

On the account of Dr. R. A. Kinloch, by striking out eighty dollars and inserting sixty dollars.

On the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau, so that he will receive eighty dollars, and that the balance of his account be rejected.

On the account of Dr. T. R. Aldrich, so that he will receive twenty dollars, and the balance of his account be rejected.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts on the accounts of Drs. Dudley & Moses was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A resolution in relation to leasing the Turnpike Road over Saluda mountain, was agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. CANNON submitted the following report:

The Special Committee, on the part of the Senate, to meet a similar Committee of the House, "to take into consideration the propriety of this General Assembly taking a recess," report, That they met the Committee of the House, and after a very full and free conference in Joint Committee, were unable to agree as to any definite course of action. The importance of the matter referred was such that your Committee are unwilling to recommend, at this time, what action should be taken. They therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

The Committee was discharged accordingly.

The following reports were concurred in, and sent to the House of Representatives:

The reports of the Committee on Claims

On the account of A. A. Nettles, to be refunded certain money paid by him;

On the account of R. C. Logan, for public printing;

On the account of the Courier office, of Charleston;

On the account of L. M. Gentry, Sheriff of Spartanburg District, for articles furnished prisoners;

On the account of Dr. Augustus D. Hoke, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail;

On the account of A. Wingo, Sheriff of Spartanburg District;

On the account of Samuel Beard, Sheriff, for blankets furnished for jail;

On the account of Dr. H. W. Moore, for attendance on prisoners in jail;

On the account of A. N. Talley, M. D., for services rendered prisoners in jail;

On the account of W. M. Connors, for public printing;

On the account of James Johnson, Sheriff, for blankets furnished for jail:

Reports of the Medical Committee

On the account of Dr. W. F. Percival, for post mortem examination ;
 On the account of Dr. W. W. Fraser, for post mortem examination ;
 On the account of Dr. F. S. Lewie, for post mortem examination ;
 On the account of Dr. B. W. Lawton, for post mortem examination ;
 On the account of Carolina C. Webster, widow, for estate of Dr. J. C. Webster, for post mortem examination :

Report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the annual return of the trustees of the estate of Dr. John DeLa Howe.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, the Senate adjourned at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1860.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

Mr. HAMPTON presented the account of the Keeper of the State House ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution :

Resolved, unanimously, That the General Assembly, appreciating the generosity which suggested the voluntary labors of Hon. Franklin J. Moses, in completing the volume upon Election Laws, undertaken by the late Edmund Bellinger by direction of the Legislature, and left unfinished by his sudden death, direct the Clerks of the two Houses to present to Mr. Moses a bound copy thereof, with this resolution inscribed.

Also, the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of your body to continue the Committee appointed by this House on Postal Arrangements.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The following message was received from His Excellency the Governor :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, COLUMBIA, December 15, 1860.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have the honor to inform you that the Hon. Charles Ed. Hooker has been appointed and commissioned by the Governor of Mississippi a Commissioner to "proceed to the Capital of South Carolina to inform the people of that Commonwealth, through their Executive, that the Legislature of this State has passed an Act calling a Convention of the people of the State to consider the present threatening relations of the Northern and Southern sections of the United States, and to express the earnest hope of Mississippi that South Carolina will co-operate with her in the adoption of efficient measures for the common defence and safety of the South."

I have the honor to state, furthermore, that the said Commissioner has arrived and presented his credentials.

WM. H. GIST.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution:

Resolved, unanimously, That a Committee of three be appointed to wait upon the Hon. Charles Edward Hooker, Commissioner from Mississippi to this State, and ascertain whether he would be pleased to communicate with the General Assembly; and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, requesting a concurrence in this resolution, and the appointment of a similar Committee, and that the Joint Committee be charged with making suitable arrangements for the accommodation of Mr. Hooker and the Hon. John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama, and tendering to them the hospitality of the State.

The resolution was agreed to, and Messrs. Garlington, Alston and Wagner, were appointed a Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. HAMPTON offered the following resolution; which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the privileges of the floor of the Senate be extended to the Honorable Howell Cobb.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following messages:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body that Messrs. Farrow, Duryea, Lide, J. L. Miller, and Pulliam, have been appointed a Committee on the part of this House to make arrangements for the inauguration of the Governor elect, and requests the appointment of a similar Committee by your body, to act jointly with the Committee of this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Senate concurred, and Messrs. Moses, McKewn and Appleby, were appointed the Committee.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body that Messrs. Buist, Fraser and Whitner, have been appointed a Committee to wait upon Hon. Charles Edward Hooker, Commissioner from Mississippi to this State, and ascertain whether he would be pleased to communicate with the General Assembly, and asks that the Senate will appoint a similar Committee, to act jointly with the Committee of this House ; said Joint Committee to be further charged with making arrangements for the accommodation of Mr. Hooker and the Hon. John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama, and tendering to them the hospitalities of the State.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following paper :
A resolution in relation to the appointment of Managers of Election ; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. LESESNE offered the following resolution ; which was agreed to :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate, in issuing pay bills for members of the Senate, do add per diem and mileage for the members of the Committee on Military and Pensions, and of the Committee on Finance and Banks, in relation to the sittings of those Committees during the vacation.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

Report of the Committee on Education, on the report of the Vestry of the Parish Church of St. James', Goose Creek, on the Ludlam School Fund, and the report of the Attorney General on the debt of Barnard E. Bee to said fund ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances :

On the petition of Jas. H. Harrison, praying compensation for finding and burying the body of George Keerison ;

On the account of Thomas J. Warren, for public printing ;

On the account of G. A. Fink, for public printing ;

On the petition of J. W. Arnold, sheriff of Laurens District, praying compensation for blankets, &c., furnished prisoners ;

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in Senate Chamber ;

On the account of the sheriff of Lexington District, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of C. E. Davant, sheriff of Beaufort District, for blankets furnished prisoners ;

On the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for public printing ;

On the account of R. W. Gibbes, Sr., for public printing ; also,

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the account of Dr. A. E. Davant, for services rendered prisoners in jail ;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Bates, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Drs. Harrell & Norman, for post mortem examination.

Report of the Committee on Military and Pensions

On the petition of John McGrath, praying to be placed on the pension roll.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Medical Committee

On the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. T. M. Mouzon, for services rendered prisoners in jail ;

On the account of Dr. James Moore, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. D. S. Benson, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. H. Henry, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. John S. Craig, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. G. S. Trezvant, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Hale, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. J. M. Warren, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. D. Wallace, for attendance on prisoner in jail ; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Special Joint Committee, to whom was referred the matter of making the necessary arrangements for the assembling of the State Convention in the city of Columbia, on the 17th of December ; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Also, the following resolutions :

Resolved, That Dr. John E. Lewis and J. Wesley Cheatham be, and they are hereby, appointed Managers of Elections at the precinct or poll in Edgefield District known as Liberty Hill, in the place and stead of John F. Burgess and Joseph L. Gilbert.

Which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Resolved, That copies of Holmes' Fossils, Nos. 11 to 15, inclusive of the second volume, be distributed by the Librarian, as heretofore, to each member of the General Assembly desiring the same.

Which was referred to the Committee on the Legislative Library.

Report of the Committee on Education on the returns of Commissioners of Free Schools for the year 1860.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

The reports of the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives on the Comptroller General's report on Contingent Accounts against the Lower Division of the Treasury; which was referred to Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

Mr. MOSES submitted the following report :

The Committee appointed on behalf of the Senate to wait upon the Governor elect and inform him of his election, and ascertain when it will suit him to qualify, ask leave to report, They have performed the duty assigned them, and that he has signified his intention to qualify this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. MOSES moved that a Special Committee be appointed to make the necessary arrangements; which was agreed to and Messrs. Moses, McKewn, and Appleby were appointed the committee; and a message was sent to the House of Representatives pursuant thereto.

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following report :

The committee appointed on the part of the Senate to wait on the Lieutenant Governor elect, and inform him of his election, have discharged the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report, That he has signified his intention to accept the office, and will be ready to qualify this day, immediately after the inauguration of the Governor elect.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 15, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend a " Bill to provide for an Armed Military Force," by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting the amendment contained in the schedule hereto attached.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate then proceeded with the third reading of the Bill, which having been concluded, the bill was passed: the title was changed into "An Act," and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this General Assembly adjourns on Monday next, it be adjourned to meet on Thursday, the 20th inst., at ten o'clock, A. M., at such place in the City of Charleston as may be selected by the Delegation from Charleston in both branches of the General Assembly, who are hereby constituted a Special Committee to be charged with making the necessary arrangements for the place of meeting.

A call of the Senate was ordered, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner and Wilson.

Messrs. Manning, E. G. Palmer, and Watson, were reported absent, and Mr. Mazyck was absent in attendance as a delegate to the State Convention.

On the question of concurring in the resolution, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Boyle, Bryan, Cannon, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hart, Johnson, Lesesne, Moses, Roberds and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Bull, Dantzler, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Hope, Keitt, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe and Wagner.

In the affirmative, 14.

In the negative, 20.

The Senate therefore refused to concur in the resolution.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate reconsidered the vote, and the same subject was made the Special Order for this evening, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. HARRISON presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the contingent account of the State House Keeper ;

On the account of the Clerk of the Senate ;

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House

On the account of Douglass & Calvo, for public printing ;

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for public binding ;

On the account of E. A. Bronson, for public printing ;

On the account of S. P. Laird, for dieting a slave while in his custody ;

On the account of the Keowee Courier, for public printing ;

On the account of Filder Gosset, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery ;

On the account of the Orangeburg Southron, for public printing ;

On the account of R. A. Pagan, sheriff, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the petition of Hamilton Wilson, praying compensation for carrying prisoners to jail ;

On the account of Alfred Denson, a constable ; which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MARSHALL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to join the Senate, in the Senate Chamber, at half-past seven o'clock this evening, for the purpose of ratifying

An Act to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and

An Act to provide an Armed Military Force.

The resolution was agreed to, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. MARSHALL also offered a resolution for printing two thousand copies of the same in pamphlet edition, for distribution among the members of the Legislature ; which was considered, and agreed to.

The report of the Committee on the New State House

On so much of the Message of the Governor as relates to the New State House, was made the Special Order for to-morrow at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. WAGNER, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, submitted a report

On the report of the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives, on the Comptroller General's report on the Contingent Accounts against the Upper Division of the Treasury ; which was ordered for immediate consideration ; and

The report of the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

INAUGURATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR.

The Senate, at 2 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. CANNON, proceeded to the House of Representatives.

Immediately thereafter the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State, and the Hon. F. W. Pickens, Governor elect, and Hon. W. W. Harllee, Lieutenant Governor elect, accompanied by the Committee of Arrangements of both Houses, entered the Hall.

The Governor elect, in entering upon the duties of the station assigned to him, addressed the General Assembly in an impressive and eloquent manner upon the present condition and future prospects of the State, and the duties of her citizens in the exigencies which await them. The Speaker of the House of Representatives then administered the constitutional oath of office to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect.

The Senate then retired to the Senate Chamber, and immediately thereafter the Speaker of the House of Representatives, accompanied by the Members, and attended by the officers of the House, entered the Senate Chamber, where the President of the Senate delivered to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor elect their commissions. Thence the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, accompanied by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives, with the members of the General Assembly, repaired to the east portico of the Capitol, where the Sheriff of Richland District read the commission, and made proclamation of the election of the Governor.

Mr. GARLINGTON submitted the following report :

The Special Joint Committee appointed to wait upon Hon. Charles Edward Hooker, Commissioner from the State of Mississippi to this State, and ascertain whether he would be pleased to communicate with the General Assembly, and who were also charged with making arrangements for the accommodation of Mr. Hooker, and also of Hon. John A. Elmore, Commissioner from the State of Alabama, and of tendering the hospitalities of the State, beg leave to report, That they have discharged the duty assigned them, and that Mr. Hooker deems it more appropriate that he should communicate with the Convention of the People of this State, now in session in the city of Columbia.

The Committee also beg leave to report that Messrs. Elmore and Hooker accept the hospitalities tendered to them by the General Assembly, and present their profound acknowledgments therefor.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to authorize the issue of certificates or stock to provide for the Military defence of the State. The Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. It was afterwards discharged, and was made the Special Order for 7 o'clock, P. M., to-day.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill, reported by the Committee on Finance and Banks, to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt, was, on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past 1, P. M.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate, at 20 minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the following report :

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts beg leave to report That the following Acts have been engrossed, and are ready to be ratified, to wit :

"An Act to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes ;" and

"An Act to provide an Armed Military Force."

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully accepts the invitation of your body to attend in the Senate Chamber this day, at 7½ o'clock, P. M., to ratify an Act entitled

"An Act to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau;" and an Act entitled

"An Act to provide an Armed Military Force."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

At a quarter past 7 o'clock, P. M., a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following Senators answered to their names :

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; and Messrs. Alston, Barker, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson and Ware.

Messrs. Barnes, Manning, E. G. Palmer, and Watson, were reported to be sick.

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to authorize the issue of Certificates or Stock to provide for the military defence of the State. The Committee recommend the following amendment :

Strike out of the first section all after the enacting words, and insert the following, viz :

"That the President of the Bank of the State of South Carolina be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue, in the name of the State of South Carolina, two thousand Certificates for the sum of one hundred dollars each, of the form hereinafter set forth, to be signed by the said President and countersigned by the Cashier of the said Bank, bearing interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum, payable on the first day of June of each and every year, at the Bank of the State of South Carolina, in Charleston, and redeemable thereat; that is to say: Five hundred of the said Certificates to be redeemable on the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, and five hundred of the said certificates to be redeemable on the first of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three; five hundred of the said Certificates to be redeemable on the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and five hundred of the said Certificates to be redeemable on the first day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five. And the interest accruing on the said Certificates shall be paid by the said Bank out of its annual profits, before carrying the same to the credit of the Sinking Fund; and the principle of the said Certificates, as they become payable, shall be paid out of the Sinking Fund in the possession of the Bank."

Mr. WAGNER moved that the amendment do lie on the table; which question was ordered to be taken by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Boyle, Bryan, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Irby, Manning, Marshall, Moses, Rhett, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, S. W. Palmer, Roberds and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 16.

The amendment was therefore ordered to lie on the table.

The second reading of the Bill was concluded, and the Bill was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to the order previously made, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were duly ratified, in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly, viz :

An Act to establish a Board of Ordnance and an Ordnance Bureau, and for other purposes ;

An Act to provide an Armed Military Force.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour, the resolution in relation to adjournment.

The Senate having considered the resolution, it was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. FICKLING submitted reports from the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on resolutions from the House of Representatives for appointing Managers of Elections at certain polls in Laurens, Newberry and Edgefield ; and the reports having been ordered for immediate consideration, the resolutions were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WAGNER offered a resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to sign the pay rolls of Senators ; which was agreed to.

Mr. MARSHALL offered a resolution authorizing the President of the Senate to draw a warrant on the Treasury for one-half the amount due the Reading Clerk and Engrossing Clerks, and the Messenger and Door-Keeper of the Senate ; which was also agreed to.

The Special Order for half-past 1. P. M., for Tuesday, the 18th inst.,

A Bill to lend the credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt—and the Special Order for 2, P. M., of the same day, to wit: The report of the Committee on the new State House, on the Commissioner's report, and on so much of the Message No. 1 of His Excellency the Governor as relates to the new State

House, were respectively discharged, and the same subjects were placed in the General Orders of the day.

Mr. HAMPTON called up the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances on the account of Theo. Starke, Keeper of the State House, and it was agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. ALSTON, the Senate adjourned at 9 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1860.

The General Assembly having adjourned from Columbia to Charleston, on Monday, 17th inst., in consequence of the prevalence of a contagious disorder in Columbia, assembled on this day, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Hibernian Hall, in the City of Charleston.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Tuesday.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that House that, pursuant to the adjournment at Columbia, the Senate had this day met in the Hibernian Hall, and a quorum being present, it had proceeded with business.

Immediately thereafter, a similar message, delivered in a similar manner, was received from the House of Representatives.

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the account of Dr. J. Ford Prioleau, by striking out all after the word "recommend," in the said report, and substituting the following: "that he be paid the sum of eighty dollars, and that the balance of the account be rejected."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the account of Dr. T. R. Aldrich, by striking out all after the word "paid," in said report, and inserting the following: "the sum of twenty dollars, and that the balance of the account be rejected."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The reports were amended, and as amended were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the account of Dr. R. A. Kinloch, by striking out "eighty dollars," and inserting "sixty dollars, and that the balance of the account, twenty dollars, be rejected."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Which was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully proposes to your body to unite in a ballot for a President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, on to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Which was concurred in, and a message of concurrence was sent.

Mr. HOPE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the new State House, to inquire into the expediency, under the present advanced condition of the work, of curtailing the number of sub-officers in the department of the chief Architect.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts

On the account of Dr. W. T. W. Baker, for post mortem examination; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Report of the same Committee, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. James F. Pearce, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Wm. Pettigrew, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. F. P. Porcher, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. R. V. Donnelly, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. H. Henry, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. J. S. Craig, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. S. F. Parrott, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. W. Fraser, for post mortem examination; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Special Joint Committee on Public Printing, appointing Charles P. Pelham printer of permanent work of this General Assembly;

Report of the Committee on the Legislative Library, on resolutions instructing the Librarian to furnish the Attorney General and Solicitors with copies of certain publications; which were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills:

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of Licenses to Itinerant Salesmen and Travelling Agents,"

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the inspection of Flour; which received the first reading, and were referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts.

A Bill to prescribe the form of permits for slaves to be absent from the owners' premises; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to incorporate the New Building and Loan Association; which received the first reading, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, and was ordered to be printed.

A Bill to repeal the seventh section of an Act entitled "An Act for the more effectual relief of insolvent Debtors, and for other purposes," passed the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine; which received the first reading and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend the charter of the Georgetown Railroad Company, so as to allow said Company to extend their Road to Bishopville, in Sumter District,

and to reduce the amount of stock necessary to be held by any one before becoming a Director or officer in said Company, which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the keeper of Hibernian Hall be authorized to employ a competent white person to assist in making fires, attending to the Chamber, and going on errands for the Senate : the said appointment to be subject to the approval of the President of the Senate ;

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to.

Mr. LESESNE presented the Memorial of certain merchants and citizens of Charleston, against abolishing the inspection of Flour, and reducing the rates of inspection ; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts, and was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Bills, which had received two readings in the Senate, and two readings in the House of Representatives :

A Bill to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad Company ;

A Bill to Incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina ;

A Bill to Incorporate the Charleston City Railway Company of South Carolina ;

A Bill to Incorporate the Citizens' Line Railway Company of Charleston, South Carolina ;

A Bill to Incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad Company ;

A Bill to Incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Aiken ;

A Bill to Incorporate the Barnwell Railroad Company.

The Bills received a third reading, were passed, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. HOPE presented the account of G. A. Fink, for Public Printing ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. G. S. Trezevant, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Hall, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Samuel Logan, for post mortem examination ; which were severally ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. BRYAN, No. 97 of the Calendar, a Bill (reported by the Committee on Military and Pensions) to establish a Corps of Engineers, was recommitted.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Regents and Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The following reports were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives:

Report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of the Orangeburg Southron, for advertising;

On the account of Alfred Denson, constable;

On the petition of Hamilton Wilson;

On the account of Douglass & Calvo, for public printing;

On the accounts of E. R. Stokes, for public binding;

On the account of E. A. Bronson, for public printing;

On the account of L. P. Leard, for dieting negro while in his custody;

On the account of the Keowee Courier, for public printing;

On the account of Fielder Gosset, jailor, for blankets furnished jail;

On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery furnished House of Representatives and Public Offices;

On the account of R. A. Pagan, sheriff of Chester District, for blankets furnished jail.

Report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the reports of the several delegations as to vacancies in their respective Boards of Managers of Elections, from death, resignation or otherwise; and also on sundry petitions in reference to Elections, Managers of Elections, and places of Election.

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the petition of James Jones, Commissioner of the new State House, praying payment of his salary for the year 1860.

Report of the same Committee, on the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Poor of the City of Charleston.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks was agreed to; and

The Senate concurred in the message from the House of Representatives, relative to the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby, of 13th inst., and ordered a message to be returned accordingly.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of the Clerk of the Senate, for stationery, &c.;

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the report of the Keowee and Tuckaseegee Turnpike Road;

The report of the same Committee, on the report of the President and Secretary of the State Agricultural Society;

A Bill to alter and amend the second section of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to Fish Sluices on the Catawba and Wateree rivers, and for other purposes; received the second reading, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt, was, on motion of Mr. WILSON, made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at a quarter-past 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at 1 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The members of the Senate assembled in the Senate chamber at half-past 6 o'clock, P. M., when the President of the Senate read the following communication :

ST. ANDREW'S HALL, December 20, 1860.

To Hon. W. D. PORTER, *President of the Senate* :

Dear Sir: I have the honor to communicate to you the following resolution, just adopted by this Convention :

Resolved, That a message be sent to His Excellency, the Governor of the State, and to both branches of the Legislature, inviting their attendance at the Institute Hall, at 7 o'clock this evening, and that this Convention move in procession to the Institute Hall, and there, at 7 o'clock, in the presence of the constituted authorities of the State and of the people, sign the Ordinance of Secession.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

D. F. JAMISON, *President of the Convention*.

Messages were then interchanged between the Senate and House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerks, informing each body, respectively, of the acceptance of the invitation. A message was received from the House of Representatives, announcing that the Hon. Caleb Cushing of Massachusetts was in the city, and that the House of Representatives had appointed a Committee to invite him to attend in the Institute Hall, at 7

o'clock, P. M. The Senate concurred, and Messrs. Boykin, Moses, and Manning were appointed the Committee. The Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives, under direction of their respective bodies, proceeded to St. Andrew's Hall, and, in behalf of the Senate and House, signified to the Convention, in open session, the acceptance of the invitation. The President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives, attended by the officers, and accompanied by the members of both branches of the General Assembly, then attended at Institute Hall, when the Ordinance was signed by the President and members of the Convention, in the presence of the Governor and Lieutenant-Governor of the State of South Carolina. The following is a copy of the Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE to dissolve the Union between the State of South Carolina and other States united with her under the compact entitled "The Constitution of the United States of America."

We, the People of the State of South Carolina, in Convention assembled, do declare and ordain, and it is hereby declared and ordained, That the Ordinance adopted by us in Convention, on the twenty-third day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, whereby the Constitution of the United States of America was ratified, and also all Acts, and parts of Acts, of the General Assembly of this State, ratifying amendments of the said Constitution, are hereby repealed; and that the Union now subsisting between South Carolina and other States, under the name of the "United States of America," is hereby dissolved.

[CHARLESTON.]

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1860.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The Journal of yesterday was amended so as to read as follows:

The General Assembly having adjourned from Columbia to Charleston, on the 17th instant, in consequence of the prevalence of a contagious disorder, assembled on this day at 10 o'clock, A. M., in Hibernian Hall, in the City of Charleston.

At a quarter-past 11 o'clock, the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER.

A Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt. After some time spent therein,

On motion of Mr. RIETT, the Special Order was discharged, and the same Bill was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at a quarter-past 11 o'clock, A. M.

Mr. FURMAN presented the reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House

On the account of Dr. A. N. Bellinger, for post mortem examination ;

On the accounts of Dr. Edward B. Smith, for post mortem examination ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHARPE presented the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances

On the claim of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Representatives' Hall, in the year 1860 ;

On the account of E. H. Gasque, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the petition of Jos. F. Church, praying compensation for a slave executed under the sentence of the Law ;

On the petition of B. F. Arthur, for work ordered by the Legislature ;

On the account of H. H. Hicks, for services as special constable ;

On the account of J. H. Means, for recording done in the Secretary of State's office ;

On the account of John Bomar, asking compensation for a slave executed under the sentence of the law ;

On the account of John D. M. Dobbins, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of James M. Hutto, for *nulla bona* costs on tax executions ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts on the report of the Medical Committee of the House

On the accounts of Drs. W. T. Dargan and M. A. Hunter, for post mortem examinations ;

On the report of the Medical Society of South Carolina, on the Roper Fund, for 1860 ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices on the report of the Comptroller General, on the Accounts of the Lower Division, by adding to Charleston District the following: "John E. Carew, late Sheriff, \$1,018 45. Overcharged, 90c. Allowed, \$1,017 55."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

In which the Senate concurred, and a message was returned accordingly.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the following report :

The Joint Committee appointed to wait upon the Hon. Caleb Cushing, and inform him of the invitation extended to him by the General Assembly to the privileges of the floor, have discharged that duty, and ask leave to report, that General Cushing expressed himself much gratified, and if he had been here in a private capacity, he would have availed himself of the invitation. But he was here only for a few hours, on urgent public business, which prevented his accepting the compliment so kindly extended to him by the Legislature of South Carolina, which he highly appreciated.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that to-morrow he will move to amend the 14th Rule of the Senate, by striking out in third line thereof the word "Federal," and substituting "Foreign."

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the petition of the mechanics and other citizens of Cheraw, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting free negroes and persons of color from carrying on mechanical pursuits, and for other purposes; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries of the House

On the petition of A. B. Estes and others, praying that a certain road in Barnwell District be closed;

On the petition of Emily Rowland, praying compensation for opening a road through her land;

On the report of the Committee of Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the report of the Committee of the House

On the petition of sundry citizens of Cheraw, praying an extension of the corporate limits of the town.

The House of Representatives returned, concurred in, the report of the Committee on Federal Relations on the Governor's Message.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which severally received the first reading, and were referred as follows :

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to exempt teachers and students from the performance of Road Duty;" was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the method of counting votes, in all elections by the people; was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A Bill to protect Sheep Husbandry; was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

A Bill to authorize the issue of certificates or stock to provide for the military defence of the State, which had received two readings in the Senate, and three readings in the House of Representatives, and it being upon the third reading in the Senate, it was

Resolved, That the bill to pass, that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act, and returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting the House to attend in the Senate chamber at a quarter-past 12 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow, for the purpose of ratifying the foregoing.

Mr. BRYAN submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to establish a Military Corps of Engineers, which was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. CANNON submitted the reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, of the House of Representatives

On the petition of A. B. Estes and others, for closing a road;

On the petition of Emily Rowland, for payment for opening a road.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the report of the Committee on

The Senate proceeded to the second reading of a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to authorize the issue of bonds or stock for continuing the construction of the new State House.

Mr. RHETT moved to amend the fourth section, by striking out the following:

"And should there not be sold a sufficiency of said bonds or stock to continue the said work until the said first day of April, the Bank of the State of South Carolina shall furnish the Commissioner of the new State House the additional funds that may be necessary for the prosecution of the

work to that period, and shall hold of the said bonds or stock a sufficiency to cover the money so advanced: *Provided*, that the amount so advanced shall not exceed the sum of ninety thousand dollars."

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays; and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Beaty, Blakeney, Boyle, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner, Ware and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Hampton, Hart, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesue, Manning, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Roberds and Simpson.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 21.

The amendment was, therefore, lost.

Mr. WILSON moved to strike out of the same section in the proviso, the words "Ninety Thousand Dollars," for the purpose of inserting "Sixty Thousand Dollars." This question was also ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, which are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Beaty, Blakeney, Boyle, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, Manning, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner, Ware and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Hampton, Hart, Irby, Keitt, Lesesue, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Roberds and Simpson.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 19.

The amendment, therefore, prevailed.

The bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WAGNER submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, ask leave to report, That C. M. Furman received for President 128 votes.

For Directors—Thomas Ryan received 128 votes; J. H. Steinmeyer received 127 votes; C. V. Chamberlain received 127 votes; W. W. Smith received 127 votes.

Seventy-five votes being a majority of the ballots cast, your Committee do report the above named gentlemen elected.

Mr. WAGNER, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, reported the office of Commissioner of the New State House vacant, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to unite in a ballot for a Commissioner of the New State House, on to-morrow, the 22d inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

The resolution was considered, and was agreed to, and the message was sent accordingly.

Mr. WILSON moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to take a recess of this General Assembly from to-morrow, at 4 o'clock, P. M., to Thursday, the 27th inst., at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. CANNON moved to strike out Thursday, the 27th inst., and insert Wednesday, the 9th of January. While the amendment was pending, the resolution and amendment were made the Special Order for half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, the report of the Committee on the new State House, on the Commissioner's report and the Governor's Message relative to the new State House, was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at a quarter to 11, A. M.

On motion of Mr. APPLEBY, the Senate adjourned at half-past 2, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1860.

The Senate met at a quarter to 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The Senate proceeded to the special order for 11 o'clock :

A Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Purman, Garlington, Hampton, Heyward, Irby, Marshall, McAliley, Moses, Rhett, Simpson and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, DeLoach, Hart, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Manning, Mazyck, McKewn, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Roberts and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 14.

In the negative, 18.

The Bill was, therefore, not agreed to, and was, consequently, rejected.

The Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the memorial of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, on the subject of a Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt, introduced by the Senator from Newberry, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the following report :

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts ask leave to report, That an Act to authorize the issue of Certificates or Stock to provide for the military defence of the State, has been engrossed, and is ready for ratification.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication :

CHARLESTON, December 21, 1860.

To the Honorable the President and Senators of

the Commonwealth of South Carolina :

GENTLEMEN : The Commissioners of the Orphan House have instructed me to invite you to visit the Orphan House Institution in this city, whenever it may suit your convenience to do so, individually, or as a body. The House will be at all times open for your inspection.

Respectfully,

H. A. DESAUSSURE,

Chairman of Commissioners O. H.

Which was ordered to be accepted, and the thanks of the Senate returned.

Mr. SIMPSON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter the Acts passed by the General Assembly shall be dated in the year of the Sovereignty and Independence of South Carolina, and not of the United States of America.

Mr. MOSES presented the reports of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the communication of the State Reporter, with the 12th volume of Law Reports, and the report of the House Committee on the same subject ;

On the petition of sundry citizens of Summerville, praying the appointment of a special Magistrate ;

On the same report of the same Committee of the House, on the communication of J. L. Petigru, Esq., Commissioner of the Code, accompanying the printed copies of so much of the Code as is prepared, and relating to his salary and that of assistants, and to printing and stationery furnished under his order ;

On a Bill to authorize the appointment of an additional Magistrate for Lexington, in Beats Nos. 1 and 2. of South Carolina Militia ;

On a Bill to prescribe the form of permits for slaves to be absent from their owners' premises ;

On a Bill to repeal the seventh section of an Act entitled " An Act for the more effectual relief of insolvent debtors," and for other purposes, passed the 7th day of April, 1859 ;

On a Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled " An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents," which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. H. W. Moore, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. J. E. Brennan, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. L. Steele, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. T. J. Goodwyn, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. D. S. Benson, for post mortem examination.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. W. D. Wallace, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. A. D. Hoke, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. James Moore, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. John L. Ancrum, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. John G. Traynham, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. Edward Westfield, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. T. M. Mouzon, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. E. H. Keller, for post mortem examination ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SHARPE presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the petition of M. A. Harden and others, asking to be paid for services as Jurors ;

On the account of the Chester Standard, for public printing ;

On the account of the Charleston Evening News, for public printing ;

On the account of W. O. Chewing, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the petition of John H. Hood, for compensation for a slave deserted by his master ;

On the account of M. B. Ward, for blankets furnished the jail ;

On the account of L. M. Grist, for public printing ;

On the account of C. M. McJunkin, for public printing ;

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for binding rules and journals of the House ;

On the account of James D. Nance & Co., for public printing ;

On the account of J. M. Brown, for public printing ;

On the account of J. W. Tarbox, for public printing ;

On the account of Hamett & Machen, for public printing ;

On the account of James A. Hoyt, for public printing ;

On the account of Stanton & Hyrne, for public printing ;

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for public printing ;

On the account of Dr. Edward B. Smith ;

On the account of Dr. T. J. Teague, for services rendered Commissioners of the Poor for Edgefield District ;

On the account of Dr. T. A. Perritt ;

On the account of Barnabas Williamson, administrator, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail ;

On the account of James Powell, for public printing ;

On the account of Gilbert & Darr, for public printing ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges, and Ferries, of the House, on the report of the Commissioner appointed to assess damages to Thomas B. Reese, for injuries done him by opening a new road through his land ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of H. H. Hicks, for services as special constable ;

On the account of John Bomar, asking compensation for a slave executed under the sentence of the law ;

On the account of John D. M. Dobbins, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail;

On the petition of Joseph F. Church, praying compensation for a slave executed under the sentence of the law;

On the claim of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Representatives' Hall for the year 1860;

On the account of E. H. Gasque, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail, and candles furnished the Court of Common Pleas for Marion District;

On the account of J. H. Means, for recording done in the Secretary of State's office;

On the account of Dr. Edward B. Smith, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. James F. Pearce, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. John S. Craig, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. W. Fraser, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. John T. Craig, for post mortem examination.

The following reports were agreed to, and consequently the reports of the House were rejected:

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. Wm. Pettigrew, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. F. P. Porcher, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. R. V. Donnelly, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. W. H. Henry, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. R. W. Hale, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. Samuel Logan, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. G. S. Trezevant, for post mortem examination.

Pursuant to notice, on motion of Mr. MOSES, the words "Federal Relations" were stricken out where they occur in the fourteenth and fifteenth Rules, and the words "Foreign Affairs" were substituted in lieu thereof.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate a Bill to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company of infantry, to be called the Lexington Rifle Corps, and to incorporate the same. Certain amendments having been made in the House of Representatives, on the second reading, they were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. HOPE, in courtesy to absent Senators, as he stated, moved a reconsideration of the vote on a Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt, and the same was ordered. The bill was then made the Special Order for Monday next, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Jacoby; and

The report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on the Comptroller General's report on Contingent Accounts, against the lower Division of the Treasury, in which that House had concurred.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of your body to unite in a ballot for Commissioner of the New State House on to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Senate then joined the House in the ballot.

Messrs. Watson and Ware were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following reports :

The report of the Committee on the Military, on so much of the Message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the compilation of the Militia and Patrol Laws; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions; also,

A resolution for the appointment of Managers of Election in Chesterfield, Spartanburg and Fairfield Districts, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; and also,

The report of the Committee on Public Printing, on proposals for printing; which was referred to the Special Committee on that subject.

The House also sent to the Senate

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Troop of Cavalry at Spartanburg village, to be received into the Upper Squadron, Ninth Regiment, Fifth Brigade, of the South Carolina Cavalry; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee to count the ballots for Commissioner of the New State House, reported that James Jones had received a majority

of the ballots; whereupon he was declared by the President to have been duly elected.

The Senate resumed the General Orders of the day.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the report of the Committee on Military of the House of Representatives,

On a Bill to authorize the formation of a Troop of Cavalry at Spartanburg village, to be received into the Upper Squadron, Ninth Regiment. Fifth Brigade, of South Carolina Cavalry;

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the compilation of the Militia and Patrol Laws; which was concurred in, and it was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The reports from the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. Z. R. Fulmore and Dr. J. M. Warren, for a post mortem examination, recommending that the Senate do not concur; were agreed to, and the House reports were rejected.

The reports of the same Committee, on the reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the accounts of Drs. Powell & Templeton, for post mortem examination, recommending that a message be sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend their report by striking out two hundred and thirty-two dollars and inserting twenty-eight dollars, and that the balance be rejected. This report was agreed to, and a message ordered accordingly.

Mr. RHETT submitted the reports of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, on the reports of the Committee on Education of the House of Representatives,

On the report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind;

On the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for 1860;

On the report of the Vestry of St. James', Goose Creek, and the Attorney General, on the Ludlam School Fund.

The reports having been ordered for immediate consideration, the House reports were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the amendments added by the House of Representatives, on the second reading, to

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company of infantry, to be called the Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company, and for other purposes; the House having also amended the title by adding "and to authorize the formation of certain other new volunteer companies, and for other purposes." The Committee recommended to the Senate to adopt the amendments of the House of Representatives, and the same were agreed

to, and the Bill received the third reading; the title was changed into an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill to incorporate the Greenville Gas Light Company; which received the third reading, and was passed. The title was changed into an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

At half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to consider the Special Order for this hour—the resolution offered yesterday in relation to a recess.

The amendment offered by Mr. CANNON, for fixing the period of re-assembling on the 9th of January, having been agreed to, Mr. FICKLING moved that the resolution be indefinitely postponed; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays; and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Boykin, Bull, Fickling, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, and Moses.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boyle, Bryan, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Hampton, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 11.

In the negative, 29.

The motion was, therefore, lost.

Mr. moved to strike out 9th of January, and insert 3d of January; which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays; and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Bryan, Bull, Dantzler, Fickling, Hampton, Heyward, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Sessions, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hart, Irby, Johnson, McAliley, McCaw, Roberds, and Sharpe.

In the affirmative, 25.

In the negative, 15.

The motion, therefore, prevailed.

The Senate then agreed to the resolution in the following form:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to adjourn this General Assembly to-day, at 4 o'clock,

P. M., to meet in Charleston, at 7 o'clock, P. M., on Thursday, the 3d day of January next.

The Special Order for 1 o'clock, P. M.—the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, in relation to the establishment of a military corps of Engineers, was discharged, and the same subject was placed in the General Orders of the day, and the Bill and report were ordered to be printed.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

The report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Cheraw, praying an extension of the corporate limits of the town.

The report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries,

On the petition of A. B. Estes and others, praying that a certain road in Barnwell District be closed.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of B. F. Arthur, praying compensation for work ordered by the Legislature;

On the account of James M. Hutto, for *nulla bona* costs on tax executions.

The reports of the Medical Committee,

On the report of the Roper Hospital;

On the account of Dr. M. A. Hunter.

The report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries,

On the petition of Emily Rowland, praying compensation for opening a road through her land.

The Senate agreed to the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives, on the account of Dr. W. T. Dargan; and a message was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of the House, so as to allow ten dollars, and that the balance of his account be rejected.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Keeper of the State House, for contingent expenses; in which it had concurred.

Mr. BULL offered the following resolution, which was considered, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That the President be authorized to draw his warrant on either of the Treasuries for the balance due for salaries, in favor of the Reading Clerk, Engrossing Clerks, Door-Keeper and Messenger of the Senate; and that such of the foregoing officers as do not reside in Charleston, be allowed members' mileage to and from Columbia and Charleston.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution, which was considered, and was agreed to :

Resolved, That the President of the Senate do draw his warrant on either of the Treasuries for the sum of Twelve Hundred Dollars, for the salary of the Clerk, and Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars, for the salary of his assistant.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Acts :
 An Act to incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina ;
 An Act to incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad Company ;
 An Act to incorporate the Barnwell Railroad Company ;
 An Act to incorporate the Charleston City Railway Company of South Carolina ;

An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Aiken ;

An Act to incorporate the Citizens' Line Railway Company of Charleston, South Carolina ;

An Act to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad Company ;

And they were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, the Senate, at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until half-past 6 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At half-past 6 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT took the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 22, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend the resolutions of Senate, on leasing the Saluda Turnpike Road, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting the following, to wit :

That William H. Thomas, Commissioner in Equity for Greenville District, do lease, to the highest bidder, at public sale, before Greenville Court House, on the second Monday in January next, for the term of five years, from the first day of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, the Saluda Turnpike Road—that he do take from such bidder a bond, with two good sureties, satisfactory to him, conditioned for the performance of the duties,

and with the liabilities, as set forth in "An Act to lease the State Road over the Saluda Mountains," ratified on 19th December, 1855.

2. That the said W. H. Thomas shall perform all the duties required by the said Act, and deposit the said bond in the Treasurer's office, on the first day of February next, whereupon the said highest bidder shall be invested, from the first day of February next, with all the rights and grants to the lessees under the Act of 1855.

3. That for such services the said W. H. Thomas shall receive twenty-five dollars from the Treasury.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence, a resolution for the adjournment of the General Assembly from this day, at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M., to Thursday, the third day of January, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate returned a message, asking leave to amend, by striking out "this day at half-past 7 o'clock, P. M."—to insert "this day at half-past 8 o'clock, P. M." To this the House of Representatives returned the following reply:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 22, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the resolution of this House relative to the adjournment of the General Assembly, by striking out "half-past 7 o'clock" and inserting "half-past 8 o'clock."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The resolution was then amended, so as to read as follows:

Resolved, That this General Assembly will take a recess from Saturday, the twenty-second instant, at half-past 8 o'clock, P. M., to Thursday, the third day of January, 1861, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

On the question of concurring, the yeas and nays were ordered, and are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Hampton, Hart, Johnson, Marshall, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Bryan, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Manning, Mazyek, McCaw, and Moses.

In the affirmative, 15.

In the negative, 11.

Mr. WAGNER, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, reported the office of Commissioner to Codify the Statute Law vacant.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go into a ballot for that officer on Friday, January 4, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on Vacant Offices, appointing certain local and district officers; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of the Clerk of the Senate for stationery, &c., in which it had concurred.

Mr. MARSHALL offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That mileage be allowed to Senators, from their homes to Charleston and back, at the present session of the General Assembly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, which was ordered to lie on the table:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 22, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend the report of the Senate Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the account of the Laurensville Herald for public printing, by striking out "Thirty-nine and twenty-five one-hundredths Dollars," and inserting "Thirty-five Dollars."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives do draw their warrants upon the Treasurer of the Lower Division for the salaries of the Clerks of the respective Houses and their assistant Clerks, of the Door-Keepers, Messengers and Reading Clerks of each House, and of the Engrossing Clerks.

The Senate returned a message, asking leave to amend, so that the drafts should be drawn on either of the Treasuries. To this the House of Representatives returned the following reply:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 22, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the resolution of the House contained in the accompanying schedule, by striking out "the Treasurer of the Lower Division," and inserting "Treasurer of the Upper or Lower Division."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The resolution was amended pursuant to the leave granted, and was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter the Acts passed by the General Assembly shall be tested in the year of the Sovereignty of the State of South Carolina."

The Senate sent a message, asking leave to amend the resolution, by inserting after the word "Sovereignty," the words "and Independence."

The House of Representatives returned a message granting leave, and the resolution was amended pursuant to the leave granted, and the report was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence, the following resolution, which was concurred in, and was returned:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this General Assembly, that after the recess the session should be held in the city of Charleston.

On motion of Mr. SHARPE, the Senate took up from the General Orders the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the account of James Powell for public printing; and the House report was concurred in, and returned.

On motion of Mr. SIMPSON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that House to attend forthwith in the Senate Chamber, for the purpose of ratifying "An Act to authorize the issue of Certificates or Stock to provide for the Military Defence of the State."

To this the House returned the following message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 22, 1860.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully accepts the invitation of your body to attend in the Senate Chamber forthwith, to ratify an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of Certificates or Stock to provide for the Military Defence of the State."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Speaker and members of the House of Representatives then attended in the Senate Chamber, and the Act was duly ratified, in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly.

At half-past 8 o'clock, P. M., Mr. MOSES moving therefor, the PRESIDENT announced the Senate adjourned to Thursday, the third day of January, at 7 o'clock, P. M., in the Hibernian Hall, in the City of Charleston.

[CHARLESTON.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 3, 1861.

The Senate met at 7 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to the resolution of adjournment on the 22d ult.

The roll being called, the following Senators answered to their names:

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barker, Boykin, Bryan, Fickling, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Lesesne; Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, Palmer, Rhett, Simpson, Wagner and Wilson.

A quorum of Senators being present, the Senate proceeded to business.

Mr. MOSES moved that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the 22d ult. be dispensed with; and the same was ordered.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that House that, a quorum of Senators having appeared in the Senate Chamber, the Senate had been organized, and was ready to proceed to business.

A similar message, delivered in a similar manner, was received from the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, a Committee was appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that a quorum of Senators had assembled, and the Senate had proceeded with business, and was ready to receive any communication he might be pleased to make to them.

Messrs. Garlington, McCaw and Manning were appointed the Committee.

The following communication was laid before the Senate by the PRESIDENT:

IN THE SENATE, January 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

I hereby resign my office as Reading Clerk of the Senate.

Very respectfully,

A. D. GOODWYN.

The Senate then immediately proceeded to a ballot, and Mr. Isaac Hayne was unanimously elected Reading Clerk of the Senate.

Mr. LESESNE presented a memorial of the Board of Fire Masters, praying that the members of the Fire Department may be exempted from draft, and be armed as a military patrol; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. BRYAN offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions to inquire and report, whether, in the event of actual hostilities between the Government of the late United States, or the citizens or Government of any one of them, and this State, it will be expedient for this General Assembly to provide for granting letters of marque and reprisal, and letters of sea service, to such persons as may volunteer for the naval service of this State, and will give adequate surety for a due observance of the law of nations while in such service. And if so, to report, by Bill, the most effectual method of proceeding in the premises.

The resolution was considered, and was agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly.

Mr. BRYAN submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina; which was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., and the Bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. McALILEY offered the following resolution, which was considered, and agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Lower Division be instructed to pay to the Delegates of the State Convention the *per diem* and mileage allowed to members of the Legislature, on the warrant of the President of the Convention.

On motion of Mr. BRYAN, No. 217 of the Calendar, the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, in relation to the establishment of a Military Corps of Engineers, was taken from the General Orders, and was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully concurs in the proposition of your body, to unite in a ballot for Commissioner to Codify the Statute Law, on Friday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at 8 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

An Act to incorporate the Greenville Gas Light Company; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Laurensville Herald, for public printing;

Resolution in relation to leasing the Turnpike road over the Saluda Mountain; in which it had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

Resolution as to the establishment of new election precincts in Barnwell District;

Resolution relative to the appointment of a Manager of Elections at the election precinct known as Woodruff's Precinct, in Spartanburg District;

Resolution to establish precincts of election in Barnwell District; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. S. W. PALMER presented the petition of the Commissioners of Roads for St. Stephen's Parish, in relation to the road leading through the Santee Swamp to Murray's Ferry, and other matters; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, "as to the discontinuance of an election precinct, and the establishment of new ones, in Fairfield District;" which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BRYAN submitted the report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to authorize the formation of a volunteer company within the limits of the Independent Battalion attached to the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry; which received the second reading, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the report of the Committee on Incorporations, of the House,

On a Bill to incorporate the New Building and Loan Association; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The petition of Dr. J. P. Knight, praying compensation for post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. T. J. Goodwyn, for post mortem examination;

On the account of Dr. D. S. Benson, for post mortem examination;

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. A. D. Hoke, for post mortem examination;

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. James Moore, for post mortem examination;

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. John L. Ancrum, for post mortem examination;

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. John G. Traynham, for post mortem examination;
On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,
On the account of Dr. Edward Westfield, for post mortem examination;
On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,
On the account of Dr. E. A. Keller, for post mortem examinations; which
were severally agreed to, and the House reports were rejected.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. MANNING presented the following report:

The Committee appointed to wait on His Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the Senate has met, and that, a quorum being present, it is ready to proceed to business, and receive any communication that he may be pleased to make, ask leave to report, That they have discharged the duty assigned them, and that His Excellency will communicate with this body forthwith.

The following Message was received from His Excellency the Governor:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Charleston, January 3, 1861.

To the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives:

The events that have recently taken place in the Harbor of Charleston, make it proper that I should communicate the general facts in relation to the same.

It was distinctly understood, that those who had a right to pledge the faith of the United States Government, on one part, and that those who had a similar right, on the part of this State, had agreed that, after the Act of Secession, there should be no change in the forces then occupying the different Forts in the Harbor; nor should there be any increase of the United States forces until after the Commissioners appointed by the Convention should present themselves at Washington, and lay before the President of the United States the Ordinance, and the proposition to negotiate for the delivery of the Forts, and for the State to account for all the public property on just and equitable principles. All this is admitted and stated by the late Secretary of War, Gov. Floyd, in his letters of resignation, as published.

Pending this solemn pledge, during the night of the 26th December last, the Commandant at Fort Moultrie, suddenly, without notice, evacuated that post, with nearly every effective man under his command, and transferred the garrison over to Fort Sumter, the strongest position, commanding the Harbor, and, to a great extent, Fort Moultrie itself.

He not only did this, but he actually burnt the carriages of most of the heavy guns that were in effective position, and spiked all the guns, and injured the public property in other respects. The Fort was enveloped in smoke and flame.

When this was known, in the early morning, the good people of Charleston were thrown into great excitement. I sent off an aide-de-camp to Fort Sumter to know by what authority the Commandant had acted; and to require that he immediately return back to Fort Moultrie, as the Government was pledged to keep the forces as they were in the different forts. The reply of Major Anderson was, that he did not know of any such pledge, and he had acted on his own responsibility, with a view to prevent the effusion of blood, and he declined to return.

I immediately afterwards ordered the occupation of Castle Pinckney, and also of Sullivan's Island; and, if it could be done without too great loss, after precautionary examination as to mines, &c., the Fort itself should be occupied.

In the orders issued, it was expressly stated, that these occupations were with a view to prevent the further destruction of public property, and to secure the public safety, if possible. The officer taking possession of Castle Pinckney states that if it had not been done, the public property in that Fort would have been destroyed, as was done in Fort Moultrie.

The Arsenal, containing the arms of the United States in this city, was more recently taken possession of, to prevent any premature collision, and for safe keeping, in the present excited state of the public mind.

All the steps that have been taken have been from necessity, and with a view to endeavor to give security and safety in the present state of the country.

The Convention has, by Ordinance, withdrawn the State from the Federal Union, and, by consequence, imposed upon the Executive the duty of endeavoring to sustain her dignity and her rights; and in this emergency. I confidently rely upon the Legislature to sustain the Executive in all proper measures.

F. W. PICKENS.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Message was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, with instructions to report specially on so much as relates to the pledges by the Government of the United States and the State of South Carolina, relative to the forts.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the petition of Dr. J. P. Knight, praying compensation for post mortem examination.

The following House Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were returned to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Troop of Cavalry at Spartanburg village, to be received into the Upper Squadron, Ninth Regiment, Fifth Brigade, of South Carolina Cavalry;

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents;"

A Bill to repeal the seventh section of an Act entitled "An Act for the more effectual relief of insolvent debtors, and for other purposes," passed the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine;

A Bill to prescribe the form of permits for slaves to be absent from the owners' premises.

The following reports were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of M. A. Harden and others, asking to be paid for services as Jurors;

On the account of J. M. Brown, for public printing;

On the account of the E. R. Stokes, for binding Rules and Journals of the House;

On the account of Hamett & Machen, for public printing;

On the account of James A. Hoyt, for public printing;

On the account of Dr. Edward B. Smith;

On the account of Dr. T. J. Teague, for services rendered Commissioners of the Poor for Edgefield District;

On the account of Dr. T. A. Perritt;

On the account of Barnabas Williamson, administrator, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail;

On the account of Gilbert & Darr, for public printing;

On the account of the Chester Standard, for public printing;

On the account of the Charleston Evening News, for public printing;

On the account of W. O. Chewing, for blankets furnished prisoners in jail;

On the petition of John A. Hood, for compensation for a slave deserted by his master;

On the account of M. B. Ward, for blankets furnished jail;

On the account of G. M. McJunkin, against the State, for printing;

On the account of L. M. Grist, for public printing;

On the account of James D. Nance & Co., against the State, for printing;

On the account of Stanton & Hyrne, for public printing;

On the account of J. W. Tarbox, for public printing.

Mr. WILSON presented the report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, on the report of the House Committee,

On the petition of Frederick W. Claussen, praying a change in the law as to the inspection of Flour, with a Bill on the same subject, and also the memorial of certain merchants and citizens of Charleston, against abolishing the inspection of Flour, and reducing the rates of compensation; which

was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the Bill and report were ordered to be printed.

The following reports were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

Report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. J. M. Mouzon, for services rendered prisoner in jail.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the communication of the State Reporter, accompanying the Twelfth Volume of Richardson's Law Reports.

Report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess damages to Thomas B. Reese, for injuries caused by opening a new road through his land.

Report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. W. D. Wallace, for attendance on prisoners in jail.

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for sixty-two copies of Twelfth Volume of Richardson's Law Reports.

Report of the Committee on the Military,

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the compilation of the Militia and Patrol Laws.

The following unfavorable reports were agreed to, and the accounts were rejected, namely :

The reports of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. E. Brennan, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. W. Moore, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Dr. W. L. Steele, for post mortem examination.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the following :

The petition of sundry citizens of Summerville, for the appointment of a special Magistrate ;

A Bill (introduced in the Senate) to authorize the appointment of an additional Magistrate for Lexington, in Beats Nos. 1 and 2, of South Carolina Militia.

Pursuant to orders heretofore made, the Senate, at 1 o'clock, P. M., joined the House of Representatives in a ballot for Commissioner to Codify the Statute Law. Messrs. Allen and Alston were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate a resolution for the pay of members of the Convention, in which that House had concurred.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives, on the communication of J. L. Petigru, Commissioner to Ccdify the Statute Law, was agreed to, and, pursuant thereto, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the House report in relation to the distribution of copies of the Ccde, by adding "and five copies to the library of the Court of Appeals at Columbia, and the same number to the Court of Appeals at Charleston."

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 4, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the accounts of Drs. M. A. Hunter and W. T. Dargan, as follows: "That Dr. W. T. Dargan be paid ten dollars, and that the balance of his account be rejected."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*,

The report was amended pursuant to leave granted, and was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 4, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the accounts of Drs. Powell & Templeton, by striking out "two hundred and thirty-two," and inserting "twenty-eight," and that the balance of the account, two hundred and four dollars, be rejected.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave.

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee to count the ballots for Commissioner on the Code, reported that James Louis Petigru had received a majority of the ballots cast; whereupon he was declared by the PRESIDENT to have been duly elected.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, the order on the Governor's Message was reconsidered.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Message was ordered to be printed, and to be passed over for the present.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill to establish a Military Corps of Engineers.

The Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for that hour,

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina.

The Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. BARKER presented the account of Dr. F. Peyre Poreber, for post mortem examination: which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The President laid before the Senate a communication from the President of the State Convention, containing an extract from the minutes of the Convention; which was ordered to be printed, and was made the Special Order for Monday, at 1 o'clock, P. M.; and also,

A communication from the Chairman on Engrossed Ordinances of the same body, enclosing Ordinances passed by the State Convention. Two copies of the communication, and of each Ordinance, were ordered to be printed for the members of the Senate.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills:

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of the Governor, and of the City Council of Charleston, over Quar-

antine, and for other purposes," passed on the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two;

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Sumter;

A Bill to incorporate "The New Building and Loan Association."

The Bills received the third reading; were agreed to; the titles were changed into Acts; and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying the establishment of a new election precinct at Vauluse; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Act, and it was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts:

An Act to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company of Infantry, to be called the "Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company," and to incorporate the same, and to authorize the formation of certain other new Volunteer Companies, and for other purposes.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. William Magill, for post mortem examination.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. R. W. Hale, for a post mortem examination.

Mr. BRYAN presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company in the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry; all of which were ordered for consideration on Monday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to provide for compensation to owners of property taken for public purposes; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On resolutions, from the House of Representatives, as to discontinuance of a place of election in Fairfield; and

The report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the New Building and Loan Association; which were ordered to lie on the table.

The General Orders, with the exception of the papers in the hands of the printer, were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at 1 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

Mr. MONTGOMERY presented the petition of sundry citizens of Williamsburg District, against fencing Lynch's Creek Swamp; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WILSON presented the account of D. Lopez, for fitting up the Senate Chamber, in Charleston; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOSES moved to take up a communication from the President of the State Convention, covering an extract from their proceedings; and the same was ordered.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution, which was considered, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, to inquire and report what legislation is necessary to carry out the purposes proposed and directed by the Ordinance of the Convention, dated December 31, 1860, entitled "An Ordinance concerning Judicial Powers."

Mr. McALILEY offered the following resolution, which was considered, and agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That this Legislature do adjourn on Tuesday, the 15th instant, at 12 o'clock, M.

Mr. HOPE offered the following resolution, which was considered, and agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary examine all the Ordinances passed by the Convention of the People of the State, and report to the Senate whether there be any special legislation required by said Ordinances, at this session.

Mr. McCRAW presented a petition of the citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a road from the residence of Joseph M. Cash to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. McCRAW presented a petition of the citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a road from the residence of Francis Moore to the North Carolina State line; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. HARRISON presented a petition of Daniel Brown, trustee of Mrs. M. A. Morris, praying to be refunded a double tax; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following papers:

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the town of Anderson in certain particulars; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts;

A resolution as to the establishment of a new election precinct in the District of Barnwell, and to substitute a Manager in the Parish of St. Mathews; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections;

The report of the Committee on Offices and Officers,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying the re-appointment of a Magistrate; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MARSHALL offered the following resolution, which was considered, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, to inquire and report whether any legislation is necessary, on the part of this General Assembly, in reference to the resolution of the Convention authorizing the formation of a regiment of enlisted men for the service of the State; and also, the propriety of establishing the nucleus of a standing army for the Commonwealth of South Carolina.

Mr. CANNON gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce A Bill to increase the powers of Commissioners of Public Buildings.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to amend the charter of the Georgetown Railroad Company, so as to authorize the said Company to

extend their road to Bishopville, in Sumter District, and to reduce the amount of stock necessary to be held by any one before becoming a director or officer in said Company.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Laurens District, praying to be refunded the amount paid out by them for office rent during the reconstruction of the Court House of said District.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a resolution as to the appointment of Managers of Elections in Chesterfield and Spartanburg Districts; also,

On a Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the method of counting votes in all elections by the people; and also,

On a resolution on the same subject; also,

On the petition of the Board of Managers of Elections of Edgefield District, to change the mode of procedure in elections; also,

On the presentment of the Grand Jury, Fall Term, 1860, in relation to the elections for Lancaster District.

Mr. E. G. PALMER, from the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, reported

A Bill to authorize the Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company to construct a draw-bridge over Mazyekboro' Creek; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. E. G. PALMER also presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the report of the Committee on Agriculture of the House,

On the report of the President and Secretary of the State Agricultural Society.

Mr. E. G. PALMER also presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to protect sheep husbandry.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the report of the Committee on Military of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of LaFayette Weaver, for a duplicate for a lost gold medal; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

An Act for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina; which received the third reading, was passed, the title was changed into an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to provide for the issue of stock for the construction of the new State House. This Bill having been amended by the House of Representatives, on the third reading, the Bill and amendments were referred to the Committee on the new State House.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A communication from the President of the State Convention; and the same was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. RHETT offered the following resolution; which was considered, and was agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the new State House, to report on the nature, dates, amounts and terms of payment, and the residences and names of the persons with whom made, of the several contracts for labor and materials mentioned by the Commissioner in his report as existing contracts in the course of execution, and amounting to \$271,000; and that they further report what progress has been made in the execution of said contracts.

At half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., Message No. 2 was communicated to the Senate by His Excellency the Governor. The Message was read, and was ordered to be printed; and so much as relates to military affairs, was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions; and so much as relates to finances, to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to suspend in part the operation of the Usury Laws, being before the Senate for consideration, the Bill passed to a second reading.

Mr. GARLINGTON moved that the Bill be indefinitely postponed; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays; and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Boykin, Boyle, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Manning, Marshall, Mazyck, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Fickling, Hampton, Heyward, Lesesne, McAliley, Moses, Rhett, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 28.

In the negative, 9.

The motion, therefore, prevailed; and the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. HAMPTON submitted the report of the Committee on the new State House,

On the amendments made by the House of Representatives, on the third reading, of a Bill to authorize the issue of bonds or stock for continuing the construction of the new State House; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A resolution, directing the President of the Bank of the State to pay \$150,000, on the check of the Governor, for military contingencies; which was considered, and concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. R. W. Hale, for post mortem examination, was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. William Magill, for post mortem examination, was agreed to, and the report of the House Committee was rejected.

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company within the limits of the Independent Battalion attached to the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. McCRAW, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1861.

The Senate met at 12. M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A resolution relative to placing the arms and munitions of war in the United States Arsenal in charge of the Board of Ordnance; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate

A report of the Committee of Ways and Means

On the memorial of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, praying the payment of interest on certain bonds; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following Bills; which severally received the first reading, and were referred and disposed of as follows:

A Bill to afford aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings, and was ordered to be printed.

A Bill to incorporate the York Gas Light Company, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to incorporate the "Calhoun Guards," was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to incorporate "Ninety-Six Church," was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to incorporate the Due West Female College, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to amend and renew the Charter of Grace Church, Charleston, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate the following Bills, which had received three readings in that House, viz.:

A Bill to repeal the seventh section of an Act entitled "An Act for the more effectual relief of insolvent debtors, and for other purposes," passed the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Troop of Cavalry at Spartanburg village, to be received into the Upper Squadron, Ninth Regiment, Fifth Brigade, of South Carolina Cavalry;

A Bill to prescribe the form of permits for slaves to be absent from the owners' premises ;

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown in sundry particulars.

The Bills, severally, received the third reading, and were passed ; the titles were changed into Acts, and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

At half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., the following message was communicated to the Senate :

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, Charleston, January 7, 1861.

To the President and Members of the

Senate of the State of South Carolina :

Under the authority of the Convention of the State of South Carolina, a Volunteer regiment has been raised to serve for the period of six months. The order of the Convention, by which the appointment of the officers of enlisted regiments is to be made with the advice and consent of the Senate, suggests the propriety of submitting to you, also, the appointment of the Field Officers of this Volunteer Regiment. I therefore submit, for your advice and consent, the nomination of the following persons for the Field Officers of the Regiment of Volunteers, to serve for a period of six (6) months :

For Colonel,	MAXCY GREGG.
For Lieutenant Colonel,	A. H. GLADDEN.
For Major,	D. H. HAMILTON.

F. W. PICKENS.

The Senate resolved itself into Executive Session, for the purpose of considering the nominations ; and, on resuming the regular business session, the President announced that the nominations were confirmed, and that the Governor would be informed thereof.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 5, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Committee on the Judiciary of this House, on the report of the Commissioner of the Code, by adding to the first resolution the following, to wit : " and five copies to the Library of the Court of Appeals at Columbia, and the same number to the Library of the same Court at Charleston."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The report was amended pursuant to leave granted, and concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 5, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully insists on refusing leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the account of Drs. Powell & Templeton, by striking out "two hundred and thirty-two," and inserting "twenty-eight;" and that the balance of the account, two hundred and four dollars, be rejected.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave, and also asking the appointment of a Committee of Conference, and informing the House of Representatives that the Senate had appointed Messrs. Furman, Barker and Hart the Committee, on the part of the Senate.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On sundry petitions and memorials, praying grants of escheated property; and

On "a Bill to vest in certain persons all the right, title and interest of the State, by escheat, in and to certain property."

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer company, to be called the St. Paul's Rifles, and to incorporate the same.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House,

On the account of Francis DeLorme, for public printing;

On the account of George A. Fink, for public printing;

On the account of Davis & Crews, for public printing;

On the account of Dr. P. A. Wilhite, for services rendered prisoners in jail;

On the account of Drs. J. F. & J. S. Brockinton, for services rendered prisoners in jail.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. F. Peyre Porcher, for post mortem examination.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. P. Knight, for post mortem examination.

Mr. W. D. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of the Charleston Fire Company of Axemen, praying change of charter; and the counter petition of the Charleston Board of Fire Masters, on the same subject.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On a Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to exempt teachers and students from the performance of road duty."

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill to amend the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal the law against Usury within the City of Charleston.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. CANNON introduced

A Bill to increase the powers of Commissioners of Public Buildings; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings, and was ordered to be printed.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers of the House of Representatives, in relation to an additional Magistrate for Edgefield, and the same was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives:

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to amend the charter of the Georgetown Railroad Company, so as to extend their road to Bishopville, in Sumter District, and to reduce the amount of stock necessary to be held by any one before becoming a director or officer in said Company.

The following Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to authorize the Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company to construct a draw-bridge over Mazyckboro' Creek.

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to protect sheep husbandry, being before the Senate, on the second reading, Mr. HOPE moved that the Bill do lie on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Beaty, Boykin, Boyle, Bull, Cannon, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Simpson, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Dantzler, Johnson, Keitt, McCaw, E. G. Palmer, Sharpe, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 25.

In the negative, 10.

The motion, therefore, prevailed; and the Bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture, of the House of Representatives,

On the report of the President and Secretary of the State Agricultural Society; and

The report of the Committee on the Military, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of LaFayette Weaver, praying a duplicate for a lost gold medal; were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Laurens District, to be refunded the amount paid by them for rents, during the reconstruction of the Court House, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate be instructed, at his earliest convenience, to compare with the original Ordinance of the Convention, entitled "An Ordinance concerning Citizenship," the copy furnished the Senate by the Convention ; and if he cannot get access to the original, that he compare said copy with the Ordinance as recorded in the office of the Secretary of State, and that he report the result of such examination.

Which was considered, and was agreed to.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Acts :
An Act to incorporate "The New Building and Loan Association ;"

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Sumter ; and they were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, a Bill to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt, was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

At half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., a sealed message was delivered to the President of the Senate, from his Excellency the Governor, through the Executive Secretary. The Senate resolved itself into Executive Session, and the doors were closed. When the doors were opened, the President announced that the Senate had confirmed the nomination of William S. Croft as Collector of the Port of Georgetown, *vice* John N. Merriman, removed ; and that the Governor would be informed thereof accordingly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills ; which severally received the first reading, and were referred and disposed of as follows :

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to convert the Arsenal at Columbia, and the Citadel and Magazine in and near Charleston, into Military Schools, was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

A Bill to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to incorporate certain Towns and Villages, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the report of the House Committee,

On a Bill to incorporate the "Due West Female College."

Mr. WARE also presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to amend and renew the charter of Grace Church, Charleston.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Special Committee of the York and Lancaster Delegations, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of D. J. Rice, Indian Agent.

Mr. McALILEY also presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Samuel Watson, sheriff of Sumter District.

Mr. McALILEY also presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House,

On the petition of A. Laurens Toomer, for remission of double tax.

Mr. McALILEY also presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Daniel Brown, trustee of Mrs. M. A. Morris, asking to be refunded a double tax; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. McALILEY introduced

A Bill to repeal the Usury Laws within the City of Charleston; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK offered a resolution relative to Mileage of Senators; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the new State House, on the amendment, by the House of Representatives, to a Bill to provide for the issue of bonds or stock for the construction of the new State House, was, on

motion of Mr. RHETT, made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

The following reports were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

The report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. P. A. Wilhite, for services rendered prisoners in jail;

The report of the Committee on Claims, to whom was recommitted the report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Francis DeLorme, proprietor of the Sumter Dispatch, for public printing;

On the account of George A. Fink, for public printing;

On the account of Davis & Crews, for public printing;

On the account of J. F. & L. S. Brockinton, for services rendered prisoners in jail.

The following report was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. F. Peyre Porcher, for post mortem examination.

A Senate Bill to incorporate the St. Paul's Rifles, being before the Senate, on second reading, the title was amended so as to read: "A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company, to be called the St. Paul's Rifles, and to incorporate the same."

The Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to vest in certain persons all the right, title and interest of the State, by escheat, in and to certain property; and

A Bill to amend the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company, received the second reading, were agreed to, and were sent to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. P. Knight, for post mortem examination; and

The report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of the Charleston Fire Company of Axemen, praying change of charter, and the counter petition of the Charleston Board of Fire Masters on the same subject, unfavorable to the prayer of the main petition, were agreed to.

The General Orders were suspended, and, on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, it was ordered, that when the Senate suspends business to-day, it shall be resumed this day, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate resumed the General Orders of the day.

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to exempt teachers and students from the performance of road duty, being before the Senate, on second reading, Mr. McALILEY moved that the Bill do lie on the table; which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Boykin, Boyle, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Beaty, Cannon, DeLoach, Hope, Irby, McCaw, Moses, Roberds, and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 25.

In the negative, 10.

The motion, therefore, prevailed; and the Bill was ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate, at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On a Bill (Senate) to increase the powers of the Commissioners of Public Buildings; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

A special message was received from His Excellency the Governor, covering a correspondence with Major Anderson, commandant of Fort Sumter.

The Senate then resolved itself into Executive Session, and the doors were closed. Whereupon Mr. GARLINGTON offered certain resolutions, which were under debate when a second message was received from the Governor, on the same subject.

The resolutions of Mr. GARLINGTON were then amended, so as to read as follows:

Resolved, unanimously, That this General Assembly entirely approves the replies of His Excellency the Governor to the communications of Major Anderson, the officer commanding Fort Sumter.

Resolved, unanimously, That the foregoing resolution be communicated to His Excellency the Governor, and that he be requested to transmit copies

of the same to the Governors of the other slaveholding States, together with copies of the correspondence with Major Anderson.

The resolutions were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. LESESNE then offered the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy as to the communications between Major Anderson and the Governor, be removed.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the messages of the Governor and the correspondence between the Executive Department and Major Anderson, were ordered to be printed.

[CHARLESTON.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of certain citizens of Cheraw and its vicinity, praying an Act to stay the collection of claims by Law until after 1st December, 1861; also,

On a resolution to prepare and report Rules for the government of the Senate, when in Executive or Secret Session.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a resolution relative to mileage; and

On a Bill to repeal the Usury Laws within the City of Charleston.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to afford aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the Memorial of Anthony Hyde, praying compensation for services rendered in relation to a claim by the State against the Federal Government; also,

On the account of H. H. Flatman, for conveying prisoner to jail; also,

On "a Bill to provide for compensation to owners of property taken for public purposes."

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, 1

On the account of Dr. J. J. Broyles, for post mortem examination; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which had received two readings in the Senate, and three readings in the House of Representatives:

A Bill to incorporate the West Point Mill Company;

A Bill to amend the charter of the Georgetown Railroad Company, so as to authorize the said Company to extend their road to Bishopville, in Sumter District, and to reduce the amount of stock necessary to be held by any one before becoming a director or officer in said Company.

The Bills received the third reading, and were passed; the titles were changed to Acts, and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate

A Bill to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others, heretofore granted; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate

A Bill to alter and amend the tenth section of the first Article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina; which had been read twice in the Senate, and three times in the House of Representatives, and agreed to. The Bill was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. ALLEN offered the following resolution, which was considered, and agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That Dr. Robert W. Gibbes be hereby instructed to turn over the permanent work as far as he conducted it, up to the hour of the appointment of his successor, to Mr. C. P. Pelham, the incumbent; and that the Treasurer be ordered to pay him for the same at the rate of his pay agreed on by his original contract as printer of the permanent work, deducting for such stitching and binding whatever it is worth, as compensation for the present incumbent.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Special Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the Petition of D. J. Rice, Indian Agent, for payment of an account, was agreed to, and the report was rejected.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of H. Laurens Toomer, for the remission of a double tax, was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to amend and renew the Charter of Grace Church, Charleston ;

A Bill to incorporate the Due West Female College ;

A Bill to increase the powers of the Commissioners of Public Buildings.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Resolutions were received from the House of Representatives, adopted in Secret Session, and others in the usual session, in relation to the correspondence between the Governor and Major Anderson, commandant of Fort Sumter. The Resolutions were referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 10, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the second resolution as to the appointment of Managers of Elections in Chesterfield and Spartanburg Districts, by adding: "and that S. H. Langston and J. A. Padgett be appointed Managers at Anderson Court House, in place of J. C. Whitefield and J. B. Moore."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The report was amended, and concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was also received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 10, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully insists upon refusing leave to your body to amend the report of the Medical Committee of this House, on the account of Drs. Powell & Templeton, by striking out "two hundred and thirty-two," and inserting "twenty-eight," and that the balance of the account, two hundred and four dollars, be rejected. In accordance with the request of your body, this House has appointed Messrs. Sullivan, Keller, Ware, Broekinton, and Blackwell, a Committee of Conference, on the part of this House, to act with the Committee of your body.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

Mr. IRBY submitted the reports of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on the report of the Committee on Incorporations of the House of Representatives,

On a Bill to incorporate Ninety-Six Church;

On the report of the House Committee,

On a Bill to incorporate the "Calhoun Guards."

Mr. CANNON submitted the reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of sundry citizens of St. John's, Berkeley, praying the establishment of a new road;

On the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Roads and other citizens of Anderson District, in Fourth Regiment, to re-establish the posted road from Moses Dean's to Varennes;

On the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess damages to Dr. Tompkins, for injury to him by opening a road through his land; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock for continuing the construction of the new State House.

The Special Order was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. BOYKIN, the Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes to 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT presented the report of the Clerk of the Senate, under a resolution referring to an Ordinance concerning Citizenship, passed by the State Convention ; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. W. J. David, for post mortem examination; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill to vest in certain persons all the right, title and interest of the State, by escheat, in and to certain property. Certain amendments having been made by the House of Representatives, on the third reading, they were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate

Resolutions relative to the correspondence between the Governor and Major Anderson, in which it had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

A resolution in relation to printing the Journal and Ordinances of the State Convention ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the State Military Academy, for the year 1860 ; also,

On a Bill to amend an Act to convert the Arsenal at Columbia, and the Citadel and Magazine in and near Charleston, into a Military School ; also,

On the report of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives,

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the recording of the Documents and Correspondence of the Palmetto Regiment, &c.; also,

On the House resolution, in relation to the placing the arms and munitions of war in the United States Arsenal in charge of the Board of Ordnance ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Special Committee of the York and Lancaster Delegations,

On the report of D. J. Rice, Indian Agent; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

A Bill to amend and renew the charter of Grace Church, Charleston; and also,

A Bill to incorporate the Due West Female College.

The Bills received the third reading, were agreed to, the titles were changed to Acts, and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate

An Act to incorporate the West Point Mill Company; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 12 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on the new State House,

On the amendment, by the House of Representatives, to a Bill to provide for the issue of Bonds or Stock for the construction of the new State House.

The Special Order was discharged, and the Bill was placed in the General Orders for to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the third reading of a Bill to alter and amend the Tenth Section of the First Article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina.

Mr. CANNON moved that a call of the Senate be made, when the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware, Watson, and Wilson.

Messrs. Alston and Wagner were announced to be absent on military duty, Mr. Fickling to be sick, and Mr. Montgomery to have visited a member of his family in the army.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, the vote was as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, Moses,

E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Boyle, Furman, Garlington, Manning, Mazyek, and S. W. Palmer.

In the affirmative, 31.

In the negative, 6.

Two-thirds of the whole representation in the Senate voting therefor, the Bill was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to the Special Order for half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

A Bill (Senate) to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt. The Bill having received the second reading, on the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Cannon, Dantzler, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Irby, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, DeLoach, Hart, Hope, Keitt, Manning, Mazyek, S. W. Palmer, and Roberds.

In the affirmative, 24.

In the negative, 14.

The Bill was, therefore, agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others; and also, upon sundry petitions, praying incorporation, and renewal or amendment of charters; also,

The report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted; and also, upon sundry petitions, praying charters, and renewals and amendments thereof.

Mr. WARE submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of the Board of Trustees, for the incorporation of the Gaillard School.

Mr. WATSON submitted the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House,

On the petition of the citizens of Edgefield, for the appointment of a Magistrate ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow ; and the two first, with amendments, were ordered to be printed.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. Ware to withdraw from the files of the Senate the account of Dr. A. D. Hoke, for post mortem examination.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution providing Rules for the Senate in Executive Session ; and the unfavorable report of the same Committee,

On the petition of citizens of Cheraw and its vicinity, for an Act to stay the collection of claims by law, until after 1st December, 1861 ; which were agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Samuel Watson, sheriff of Sumter, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate adjourned at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The Committee on Federal Relations was discharged from the further consideration of

A Bill to provide for the establishment of our Foreign Diplomacy.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on sundry petitions ; and

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others, heretofore granted.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, and the resolution of the House, in relation to printing the Journal and Ordinances of the Convention.

Mr. WATSON presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House of Representatives,

On the appointment of certain local officers; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the first was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were considered, and agreed to, and were sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Whereas this Legislature has learned of the secession of the States of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, from the late Federal Union, known as the United States of America,

Be it, therefore, resolved, unanimously, That the Commonwealth of South Carolina hails with lively satisfaction the withdrawal of these States from the Federal Union, and that as a testimonial of her sympathy and co-operation with these States, in the great cause of Southern rights and Southern institutions, the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to have fired a salute of fifteen guns from the Citadel Square, for each seceding State, whenever he shall have authentic information of the ratification of the Ordinance of Secession by the said seceding States.

Resolved, unanimously, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted by the Governor of this Commonwealth to the Executive of the said seceding States.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the amendments of the House of Representatives to a Bill to "vest in certain persons all the right, title, and interest of the State, by escheat, in and to certain property," and pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to restore the words, "with interest from 1st January, 1861," in sixth line of the seventh section, which had been added by the Senate on the second reading, and had been stricken out by the House of Representatives on the third reading.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate a resolution for appointing a Manager of Elections in York District; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

And also the following:

Resolved, That in the present State of public affairs, it is expedient that the January Session of the Court of Appeals should be postponed: that the same should be resumed at such time as the Judge thereof shall direct.

Resolved, That it is inexpedient, that at the January Term of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for Charleston District, the Civil

Docket should be called, or any other than Session business be conducted or disposed of.

The resolutions were considered, and concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate a resolution for postponing the February Term of the Court of Equity for the Second Circuit; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Also, the report of the Committee on Foreign affairs,

On Messages Nos. 1 and 4 of the Governor; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Also, the report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of J. G. Milnor & Co., for blankets furnished the Charleston jail; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which received the first reading, and were referred and disposed of as follows:

A Bill to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

A Bill to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

A Bill to provide for the maintenance of a Police Guard in the town of Georgetown, was referred to the Committee on the Military.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the unfavorable report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to alter and amend the law in relation to the method of counting votes in all elections by the people, was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill was taken up for a second reading.

Mr. MOSES moved that the bill do lie on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Blakeney, Boyle, DeLoach, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Manning, Mazyck, McAuley, McKewen, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, and Simpson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzer, Hart, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, McCaw, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Watson, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 17.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were also ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Beaty, Boykin, Boyle, Cannon, Dantzler, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Blakeney, DeLoach, Fickling, Hampton, Manning, Mazyek, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, and Simpson.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 13.

The Bill was, therefore, agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. ALLEN, who was absent when the vote was taken, was afterwards allowed to record the vote he would have given if he had been present ; and on his name being called, the Senator voted in the affirmative.

The following were ordered to lie on the table :

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess damages to D. C. Tompkins, for injury to him by opening a road through his land ;

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Roads, and other citizens of Anderson District, in Fourth Regiment, to re-establish the posted road from Moses Dean's to Varennes ;

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of sundry citizens of St. John's, Berkeley, praying the establishment of a new road.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the Senate reconsidered the vote on a resolution, from the House of Representatives, for postponing the sitting of the Court of Equity for the Second Circuit, and the resolution was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to incorporate the " Calhoun Guards ;"

A Bill to incorporate " Ninety-Six Church."

The following Committees were discharged from the further consideration of the following papers :

Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, from the petition of the Board of Trustees, for the incorporation of Gaillard School ;

Committee on Claims and Grievances, from the memorial of Anthony Hyde, praying compensation for services rendered, in relation to a claim by the State against the Federal Government ;

Committee on Privileges and Elections, from the petition of the Board of Managers of Elections of Edgefield District, to change the mode of procedure in elections ;

Same Committee, from the Presentment of the Grand Jury, Fall Term, 1860, in relation to the elections for Lancaster District.

The following were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

Report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, on the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying the reappointment of a Magistrate.

Resolution relative to placing the arms and munitions of war in the United States Arsenal in charge of the Board of Ordnance.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, the unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to repeal the laws against usury, was continued to the next regular session of the Legislature.

Mr. MAZYCK offered an amendment to the resolution relative to mileage ; which was ordered to be printed, and the resolution was passed over.

On motion of Mr. ALLEN, a Bill to authorize the issue of bonds or stock for continuing the new State House, was made the Special Order for Wednesday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The following unfavorable reports were agreed to, and the reports of the House of Representatives were rejected :

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Dr. W. J. David, for post mortem examination ; and

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. J. Burroughs, for post mortem examination.

The following reports were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of N. H. Flatman, for conveying prisoners to jail ;

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the Annual Report of the Board of Visitors of the State Military Academies.

The General Orders, with the exception of papers in the hands of the printer, were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Committee on Education, upon the report of the Treasurer of the South Carolina College; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following Bills, which severally received the first reading, and were referred and disposed of as follows:

A Bill to increase the number of Commissioners of Roads for Kingston Parish, and for other purposes, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

A Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional Magistrate at Bessantville, in All Saints' Parish, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to repeal the Acts of incorporation of the town of Bluffton, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. McKEWN to withdraw from the files of the Senate the account of Dr. William Pettigrew, for post mortem examination.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 12, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs your body that the Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina," is engrossed, and ready for ratification.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate the following Act :

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of the Governor, and of the City Council of Charleston, over Quarantine, and for other purposes," passed on the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; and it was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. McALILEY presented the following :

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Special Committee of the York and Lancaster Delegations,

On the account of Adam Ivey, Indian Agent ;

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the presentment of the Grand Jury for Marlboro' District, on granting aid to railroads ;

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House of Representatives,

On the disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund of Georgetown ;

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the Special Committee of the York and Lancaster Delegations, and the report of D. J. Rice, Indian Agent.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of the Town Council and sundry citizens of the town of Newberry, praying an amendment of their charter; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

A Bill to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others ;

A Bill to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters, heretofore granted ;

A Bill to provide a patrol and military guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes ;

A Bill to provide for compensation to owners of property taken for public purposes.

Resolutions from the House of Representatives, in relation to Foreign Affairs, were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the following report :

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to whom was referred a message from the House of Representatives, informing the Senate that the Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina," had been engrossed, and was ready for ratification, ask leave to report, That they have considered the same, and recommend that the House of Representatives be invited to attend in the Senate Chamber, to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and join in the ratification of said Act.

The report was considered, and was agreed to, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that House to attend in the Senate Chamber to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of ratifying the said Act.

The Senate agreed to the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House of Representatives,

On sundry petitions for the appointment of District and Parish officers, which recommends that Wm. L. Addy, Dr. Wm. W. Lowerman, Jeremiah Hook, J. O. B. Chaney, S. A. Caughman, Dr. E. S. J. Hayes, Wm. M. Gibbes, J. David Geiger, Jacob Geiger, Sr., Job F. Wingard, John R. Shuler, William Summer, be appointed as Commissioners of Free Schools for Lexington District; and pursuant thereto, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report accordingly.

The General Orders, with the exception of papers in the hands of the printer, were disposed of.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to afford aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad, was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order of the day for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. SESSIONS, the Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Committee on the Military,

On the report of the Board of Visitors of the Military Academies, for 1860;

The report of the same Committee,

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the John Brown pike, presented by Edmund Ruffin, Esq., of Virginia; which were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of William L. Bronson, to increase the amount assessed by Commissioners as damages sustained by him by opening a new road through his land, in 1857; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill to amend and renew the charter of Grace Church, Charleston, which had been twice read in each House. The Bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Bills, which had received two readings in the Senate, and two readings in the House of Representatives:

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company of Infantry within the limits of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the Chester Rifles, and to incorporate the same;

A Bill to declare a certain portion of Four Holes Creek a navigable stream.

The Bills received the third reading, and were passed; the titles were changed to Acts, and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following Bills, which received the first reading, and were referred and disposed of as follows:

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts;

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the Hamburg and Edgefield Plank Road Company, was referred to the same Committee;

A Bill to incorporate the Wee Nee Riflemen, was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Riflemen within the limits of the Seventh Regiment, South Carolina Militia, and to incorporate the same, was referred to the same Committee;

A Bill to repeal certain Acts in relation to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths in the State of South Carolina, was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to make malicious trespasses indictable," was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

A Bill to amend the law in relation to house burning, was referred to the same Committee;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents," was referred to the same Committee.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, in which it had concurred,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Laurens District, praying the establishment of an additional election precinct in said District.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to alter and amend the charter of the town of Anderson in certain particulars; and also, upon a petition of sundry citizens of the town of Anderson, opposing change of said charter; and also,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the York Gas Light Company.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to provide for the maintenance of a Police Guard in the town of Georgetown.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, asking that provision be made for the payment of the interest on the Bonds issued under the Act of 1859; and also,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the same subject-matter.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On Message No. 3, of his Excellency, Governor Gist, relating to the report of James A. Black, Agent of the State ; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On the account of David Lopez, for fitting up the Senate Chamber, in Charleston ; also,

The report of the same Committee, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House of Representatives,

On the account of J. G. Milnor & Co., for blankets furnished the Charleston jail.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On resolutions, from the House of Representatives, and on a report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the House of Representatives, as to the establishment of new election precincts, and the appointment of Managers of Elections in several Districts ; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of Richard Williams and wife, *et al.*, praying compensation for property escheated and granted by the State ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, in relation to printing Journals and Ordinances of the Convention, was agreed to ; and pursuant thereto, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the resolution as follows :

After the words " of the," in the first line, insert the words, " Act providing for the call of a Convention of the people of this State and of the."

A Bill to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others, heretofore granted, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Finance and Banks was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Marlboro' District, in granting aid to railroads ; and

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, from the petition of the Town Council and sundry citizens of the town of Newberry, praying an amendment of their charter.

The following reports were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,
On a Return of the Disbursement of the Transient Poor Fund for Georgetown ;

The report of the Special Committee of the York and Lancaster Delegations,

On the account of Adam Ivey, former Agent, for services rendered the Catawba Indians ;

The report of the Special Committee, consisting of the York and Lancaster delegations,

On the report of D. J. Rice, Indian Agent.

The General Orders were disposed of.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 15, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend the resolutions of Senate, on the subject of the secession of the States of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, by striking out all after the preamble, and inserting the following :

"Resolved, That the Legislature of South Carolina receives with proud gratification the information of the withdrawal of the States of Florida, Alabama and Mississippi, from the Federal Union, and that his Excellency the Governor be requested to express to the Executives of these respective States the congratulations of South Carolina upon their action."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

The following message was also received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 15, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to restore to "A Bill to vest in certain persons all the right, title and interest of the State, by escheat, in and to certain property," the words, "with interest from 1st January, 1861," in sixth line of seventh section, which words were added by Senate on second reading, and were stricken out by this House on the third reading.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Bill was then taken up, and amended accordingly; and the third reading having been concluded, it was passed; the title was changed to an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was also received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 15, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Committee of this House on Offices and Officers, on sundry petitions for the appointment of District and Parish Officers, by adding, "Dr. Wm. L. Addy, Dr. Wm. W. Lowerman, Jeremiah Hook, J. O. B. Chaney, S. E. Caughman, Dr. E. S. J. Hayes, Wm. M. Gibbes, J. David Geiger, Jacob Geiger, Sr., Job F. Wingard, John R. Shuler, Wm. Summer, as Commissioners of Free Schools for Lexington District."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*,

The report was amended accordingly.

The following message was also received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 15, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully accepts the invitation of your body to attend in the Senate Chamber, at 2 o'clock, P. M., this day, and join in the ratification of an Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to afford aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad.

The report was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill was taken up for a second reading; and, having been read, it was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. RHETT submitted the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, on the report of the Committee on Education, of the House of Representatives,

On the report of the Treasurer of the South Carolina College.

The report was ordered for immediate consideration, and the House report was concurred in, and was returned.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and was ordered to lie on the table :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 15, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend the report of the Committee of the Senate, on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, by striking out all of the third paragraph, after the word "Lunatic," and inserting the following: "But your Committee do not concur in the opinion, as expressed in said report, and, consequently, do not concur in recommending an increase of compensation for pauper patients."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. FICKLING gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce A Bill to amend an Act to appoint escheators, and to regulate escheats.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to previous orders, the Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives attended in the Senate Chamber, when the following Act was duly ratified in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly, viz.:

An Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Coast Police for the State of South Carolina."

On motion of Mr. APPLEBY, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On a Bill to increase the number of Commissioners of Roads for Kingston Parish ; also,

On the petition of citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a road from the residence of Joseph McCosh to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River ; also,

On the petition of citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a road from the residence of Francis Moore to the North Carolina State line.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to alter and amend the charter of the Hamburg and Edgefield Plank Road Company ; also,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Bluffton, praying repeal of town charter ; on a counter petition on the same subject ; and also, a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to repeal the Acts of Incorporation of the town of Bluffton.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to amend the law in relation to house burning ; also,

On a Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled " An Act to make malicious trespasses indictable."

Mr. WARE submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville ; and on the report of the Committee of the House, on the same.

Mr. LESESNE submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, " to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes," all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the last report was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed ; also,

A Bill to amend an Act entitled " An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District ;" which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ; also,

A Bill to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters, heretofore granted.

This Bill had been twice read in the Senate, and three times in the House of Representatives. The Senate proceeded to the third reading. The Senate, on second reading, had stricken out the third section, as follows :

"That the charter of the Town of Barnwell be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to extend the limits of the said town to one mile in each and every direction from the Court House, now standing in said town;" which the House of Representatives, on the third reading, had restored. A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to strike out the section.

Before the reading had been concluded, the private secretary of the Governor appeared in the Senate Chamber, with communications from the Governor. The Senate then resolved itself into Executive Session, and the doors were closed. In this session, Mr. HAMPTON submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on a resolution, from the House of Representatives, relative to Message No. 4 from the Governor. The report having been ordered for immediate consideration, the resolutions of the House were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives. The following is the resolution :

Resolved, That this General Assembly fully endorses the action and course of his Excellency, the Governor of the State, in regard to the occupation of the forts and arsenal, lately in possession of the United States, and tenders to him our hearty support in the present crisis.

At a quarter-past 2 o'clock, P. M., the Executive Session terminated, and the regular session was resumed.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate reconsidered the vote whereby a message was ordered to the House of Representatives, yesterday, asking leave to amend a resolution of the House of Representatives, providing for printing the Journal and Ordinances of the Convention.

The resolution was placed in the General Orders of the day.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House of Representatives, appointing certain local and district officers, was ordered to be placed on the Clerk's desk, for the inspection of Senators, and to be made the Special Order of the day for Friday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock for continuing the construction of the new State House.

On the second reading in the Senate, the Bill had been amended, by striking out "Ninety Thousand Dollars," and inserting "Sixty Thousand Dollars," in the twelfth line of the fourth section, providing for the amount to be advanced by the Bank of the State.

On the third reading in the House of Representatives, the amendment of the Senate was stricken out, and the word "Ninety" had been restored.

Mr. RHETT moved that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to restore the amendment of the Senate.

The question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays; and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Beaty, Cannon, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, Manning, Marshall, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Blakeney, Boykin, Boyle, Bryan, Bull, DeLoach, Fickling, Hampton, Irby, Lesesne, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Simpson, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 20.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

The amendment was agreed to.

The second reading of the Bill was concluded, and the Bill was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at 3 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. DELOACH offered the following resolution, which was considered, and agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That this General Assembly will adjourn, *sine die*, on Thursday, the 24th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 17, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to strike out the third section of a Bill entitled "A Bill to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters, heretofore granted," to wit: "That the charter of the town of Barnwell be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to extend the limits of the said town to one mile in each and every direction from the Court House now standing in said town;" which section was stricken out by the Senate on the second reading, and restored by this House on the third reading.

By order of the House,

S. MCGOWAN, *Speaker, pro tem.*

The Bill was amended accordingly, and received the third reading; was passed; the title was changed to an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McKEWN presented the account of Dr. Pettigrew, for a post mortem examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. APPLEBY submitted the report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts, on the report of the House Committee on Commerce and Manufactures,

On the resolution relative to the dredging and deepening of the Sullivan's Island or Maffit Channel; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of Message No. 8, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the Regiment of Enlisted Men, and the call for a Battalion of Artillery.

The same Committee also reported

A Bill creating a Military Establishment for the Commonwealth of South Carolina, and for other purposes; the Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 17, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks of your body the appointment of a Committee, to act jointly with a Committee of this House, consisting of Messrs. Weston, Lowndes, Rhett, Ryan, J. H. Williams, Wallace and Bookter, to

consider and report upon the Flag or Ensign proper to be borne as the National Flag or Ensign of South Carolina.

By order of the House,

S. MCGOWAN, *Speaker, pro tem.*

The Senate concurred. Messrs. Moses, Dantzler, Hampton, Lesesne and Manning were appointed the Committee, and a message was returned accordingly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others.

The Bill was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice of his intention to move, to-morrow, for the suspension of Rule 26, in relation to this Bill; and he also gave notice that, on the third reading, he will move to amend the Bill, by striking out "Chester Rifles," and inserting "Chester Blues;" and striking out "Wee Nee Rifles," and inserting "Wee Nee Riflemen."

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which had received three readings in the House of Representatives, and two readings in the Senate:

A Bill to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes;

A Bill to incorporate "Ninety-Six Church;"

A Bill to alter and amend the law in relation to the method of counting votes in all elections by the people;

A Bill to afford aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad;

A Bill to incorporate the "Calhoun Guards;"

A Bill to provide for compensation to owners of property taken for public purposes.

The Bills received the third reading, and were passed; the titles were changed to Acts, and they were returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to extend relief to Debtors; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill (Senate) to lend the credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt.

The Bill received the third reading, was agreed to, the title was changed to an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives; also,

Resolutions for discontinuing an election precinct in Barnwell District,

and establishing one in Greenville District; which were referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; also,

A resolution in relation to volunteering under the provision of the late Convention; which were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate

A resolution in relation to the recognition by this State of the secession of Southern States; in which it had concurred.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate

A Bill to establish a Military Corps of Engineers; which had received two readings in the Senate, and two readings in the House of Representatives. Having been amended in that House on the second reading, the amendments were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. WILSON submitted the report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts, to whom was referred

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents."

Mr. HARRISON submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the petition of William L. Bronson, to increase the amount assessed by Commissioners as damages sustained by him, by opening a new road through his land, in 1857; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to amend an Act to convert the Arsenal at Columbia, and the Citadel and Magazine in and near Charleston, into a Military School, being under consideration, the Senate proceeded with the second reading of the Bill.

Mr. APPLEBY moved that the Bill do lie on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Blakeney, Bull, Cannon, Hart, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Manning, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, Sessions, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Boyle, Dantzler, D. Loach, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Johnson, Lesesne, Marshall, McKewn, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 25.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

The Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Finance and Banks was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury for Marlboro' District, on granting aid to railroads; and

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, from the petition of the Town Council and sundry citizens of the town of Newberry, praying an amendment of their charter.

The following Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to provide for the maintenance of a Police Guard in the town of Georgetown.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House of Representatives,

On so much of Message No. 3, of His Excellency, Governor Gist, as relates to the report of James A. Black, Agent of the State, was agreed to; and, pursuant thereto, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to strike out so much of the report as recommends the payment of \$500 additional to the said J. A. Black.

The report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the York Gas Light Company, was agreed to; and, pursuant to the recommendation of the Committee, the Bill was ordered to lie on the table.

The unfavorable report of the same Committee,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to alter and amend the charter of the town of Anderson in certain particulars, was agreed to, and the Bill was rejected.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. ALLEN, the Senate went into Executive Session, and so remained until twenty minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M., when the usual session was resumed, and

On motion of Mr. HOPE, the Senate adjourned.

[CHARLESTON.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing the Senate that, in consequence of the illness of the Hon. James Simons, Speaker, the Hon. R. B. Boylston had been elected Speaker, *pro tem*.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolutions, which were considered, and were agreed to :

Whereas, a negro, belonging to Mrs. Edward B. Davis, of Clarendon District, who, with others, was sent to the service of the State, was accidentally killed while at work at Fort Moultrie; and whereas the loss should be borne by the State, and not by the owner, who was induced, from patriotic considerations, to place her slaves at its disposal,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Claims, to inquire and report what compensation should be made the owner for the said loss.

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, to inquire and report whether it is not proper and expedient, with a view to prevent an increase of the general taxes, that Treasury notes, or scrip, should be issued; for the redemption of which, the faith of the State shall be pledged.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District."

Mr. FURMAN submitted the report of the Committee on Conference,

On the accounts of Drs. Powell & Templeton.

Mr. APPLEBY submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. William Pettigrew, for post mortem examination; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to make appropriations for the year commencing October, eighteen hundred and sixty; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On the interest on bonds issued in 1859, in aid of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company; which was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M., and the report was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the amendments by the House of Representatives to

A Bill to establish a Military Corps of Engineers.

The amendments were agreed to, and the title of the Bill was changed, so as to read,

A Bill to establish a Corps of Military Engineers.

The Bill received the third reading, and was agreed to; the title was changed to an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MARSHALL also submitted the report of the same Committee,

On resolutions, from the House of Representatives, relative to volunteers under the Ordinance of the Convention; which was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., and the report and resolutions were ordered to be printed.

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters, heretofore granted; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to incorporate the village of Ninety-Six; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Acts, and they were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts:

An Act to declare a certain portion of Four Holes Creek a navigable stream;

An Act to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt;

An Act to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company of Infantry within the limits of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the Chester Rifles, and to incorporate the same.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate the Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company.

Mr. LESESNE also presented the memorial of the merchants and others, citizens of Charleston, against the passage of a stay law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WILSON presented the petition of the Waccamaw Light Artillery, praying an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. LESESNE presented the account of the Clerk of the Senate, for stationery and other expenses incident to the removal of the Legislature to Charleston; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of certain citizens of Pickens District, praying that John Calvin McDaniel be placed on the pension list of this State.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY,

And considered resolutions relative to mileage.

Mr. FICKLING offered the following amendment to the amendment:

The following shall be the basis on which members shall receive mileage: From the commencement of the regular session of the Legislature to its next adjournment, inclusive; that is to say, first, mileage from home to Columbia; second, from Columbia to Charleston; third, from Charleston home; fourth, from home to Charleston, and back again. That if any member has received more than this amount, the excess shall be deducted from his *per diem* allowance; and, if less, the difference shall be paid to him.

Mr. RHETT moved that the amendment and amendment to the amendment do lie on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Beaty, Blakeney, DeLoach, Furman, Heyward, Irby, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Simpson, Wagner and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 14.

In the negative, 28.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

The amendment and resolution, as amended, were then agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were returned to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to repeal the Act of Incorporation of the town of Bluffton ;

A Bill to increase the number of Commissioners of Roads for Kingston Parish, and for other purposes ;

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the Hamburg and Edgefield Plank Road Company ;

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville ;

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled " An Act to make malicious trespasses indictable ;"

A Bill to amend the Law in relation to house burning.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Richard Williams and wife, *et al.*, praying compensation for property escheated and granted by the State.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of William L. Bronson, to increase the amount assessed by Commissioners as damages sustained by him, by opening a new road through his land, in 1857.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, "To provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes," was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half past 12 o'clock, P. M.

The following resolutions were concurred in, and were returned to the House of Representatives :

As to the appointment of a manager of elections in York District ;

To establish precincts of election in Barnwell District ;

As to the establishment of a new Election Precinct in the District of Barnwell, and to substitute a Manager in the Parish of St. Mathews :

As to the establishment of new Election Precincts in Barnwell District ; and

Relative to the appointment of a Manager of Elections at the Election Precinct known as Woodruff's Precinct, in Spartanburg District ; and also,

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying the establishment of a new Election Precinct at Vauluse.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, asking that provision be made for the payment of the interest on the Bonds issued under the Act of 1859 ; and also,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the same subject-matter ; was ordered to be considered with the Appropriation Bill.

A Bill to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others, heretofore granted, received the third reading, was passed, the title was changed to an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution of the House of Representatives in relation to printing the Journal and Ordinances of the Convention, was continued to the next regular sitting of the Legislature.

The reports of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a road from the residence of Joseph McCosh to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River;

On the petition of citizens of York District, praying for the opening of a road from the residence of Francis Moore to the North Carolina State line, were agreed to, and the petitions were, consequently, rejected.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of David Lopez, for work in fitting up the Senate Chamber, in Charleston, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr. MARSHALL moved that a Bill to incorporate certain societies and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others, be taken from the table, which was ordered.

Pursuant to notice, Mr. MARSHALL offered the following:

Resolved, That the Twenty-Sixth Rule of the Senate, prohibiting amendments from being made to Bills on the third reading, be suspended in relation to a Bill to incorporate certain societies, associations and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others.

The resolution was agreed to.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the Bill, by striking out, in the seventh line of the first section, the word "Rifles," after the word "Chester," and inserting the word "Blues;" and by striking out, in the eighth line, the word "Rifles," after "Wee Nee," and inserting the word "Riflemen."

THE SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

The report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House of Representatives, appointing Magistrates, &c., was discharged, and the same subject was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. HOPE, the Senate adjourned at 3 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown in sundry particulars; also,

On the memorial of the Intendant and Wardens of the town of Georgetown, praying an amendment of their charter.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, as to the establishment of an election precinct in Greenville District; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, for discontinuance of Sand Hill poll, in Barnwell District; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next, and the first named was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, the following Bills were introduced by the following gentlemen, which received the first reading, and were referred:

By Mr. FICKLING,

A Bill to amend the fifth section of an Act entitled "An Act to appoint Escheators, and to regulate Escheats."

By Mr. LESESNE,

A Bill to incorporate the "Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company."

At half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate resolved itself into Secret Session ; and, on the adjournment thereof, at twenty minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M., it was announced that the following nominations by the Governor had been confirmed, and the remaining names communicated by him had not been finally acted on :

Appointments for First Regiment enlisted men, under special resolutions of Convention :

John Dunovant, Major.

First Artillery.....	W. R. Calhoun.....	Captain,
	T. M. Wagner.....	First Lieutenant,
	W. C. Preston.....	Second Lieutenant.
Second Artillery.....	J. H. Hallonquist.....	Captain,
	W. H. Gibbes.....	Second Lieutenant.
First Infantry.....	W. D. Smith.....	Captain.
Second Infantry.....	William Butler.....	Captain.
Third Infantry.....	W. D. DeSaussure.....	Captain,
	James Hamilton.....	Second Lieutenant.
Fourth Infantry.....	George James.....	Captain,
	B. F. Sloan.....	First Lieutenant,
	John R. Blocker.....	Second Lieutenant.
Fifth Infantry.....	John C. Simkins.....	Captain,
	G. N. Reynolds, Jr....	Second Lieutenant.
Sixth Infantry.....	Thomas M. Baker.....	Captain,
	H. S. Farley.....	Second Lieutenant.

The following resolution was also adopted in the Executive Session, and was directed to be sent to the Governor, to wit :

Resolved, That all officers nominated by the Governor, and confirmed by the Senate, for the Military, take rank from the date of confirmation ; and, where of equal grade, they take rank by lot, according to military usage.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the House report of the Military Committee,

On the report of the Board of Visitors of the Military Academies for 1860 ;

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a House Bill authorizing the formation of a Volunteer Company of Riflemen within the limits of the Seventh Regiment of South Carolina Militia ;

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the House report of the Military Committee,

On so much of the Governor's Message as relates to John Brown's pike; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on Military and Pensions, submitted

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the "Waccamaw Light Artillery."

The Bill received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday next.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 19, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the Bill entitled "A Bill to incorporate certain Societies and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others," by striking out in the seventh line of the first section the word "Rifles," after the word "Chester," and inserting the word "Blues;" and by striking out in the eighth line the word "Rifles," after the word "Wee Nee," and inserting the word "Riflemen."

By order of the House,

R. B. BOYLSTON, *Speaker, pro tem.*

The Bill was amended accordingly, and received the third reading; was passed, the title was changed to an Act, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

The following Special Orders were discharged, and the same subjects were made the Special Orders for the following hours, on Monday, to wit:

FOR HALF-PAST 12 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, "to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes."

FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of Message No. 8, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the regiment of enlisted men, and the call for a battalion of artillery;

A Bill creating a Military Establishment for the Commonwealth of South Carolina, and for other purposes. Reported by the Committee on Military and Pensions.

FOR HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The report of the same Committee,

On the interest on bonds issued in 1859, in aid of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company.

FOR 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House of Representatives, appointing Magistrates, &c., &c.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, relative to volunteers, was agreed to; and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "excused," in eighth line, the words, "from furnishing their quota of men under," and striking out the words, "if they should not comply with."

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. CANNON gave notice, that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the establishment of a Coast Police," ratified 15th January, 1861.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes past 3 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which it had concurred:

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,
 On the account of H. H. Flatman, for conveying prisoner to jail ;
 On the account of George A. Fink, for public printing ;
 On the petition of Lawson Lawrence, for burying body of Walter Worley,
 a pauper ;

On the account of Evans & Gogswell, for printing a portion of the Code
 of Statute Law of South Carolina ;

On the account of H. Judge Moore, for public printing.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Ac-
 counts,

On the account of Dr. F. Peyre Porcher, for post mortem examination ;

On the account of Drs. Dudley & Moses, for post mortem examination.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Laurens
 District, praying to be refunded the amount paid out by them for office rent
 during the reconstruction of the Court House of said District.

The report of the Committee on the new State House,

On the account of James Jones, Commissioner.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Samuel Watson, sheriff of Sumter District ;

A resolution in relation to the permanent printing and pay of State
 Printer.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, a resolution, from the House of Represent-
 atives, relative to the dredging and deepening of the Sullivan's Island or
 Maffit Channel, was ordered to be considered with the Appropriation Bill.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the resolu-
 tion of this House in relation to Volunteers under the provisions of the late
 Convention, by inserting after the word "excused," in eighth line, the
 words "from furnishing their quota of men under," and striking out the
 words "if they should not comply with."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The resolution was amended accordingly, and was returned to the House
 of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following
 message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 19, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend the report of the Senate Committee, on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. J. H. Harrall, by striking out "Fifty Dollars," the amount allowed him, and inserting "Forty Dollars" in lieu thereof.

By order of the House,

R. B. BOYLSTON, *Speaker, pro tem.*

Which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of S. Brady;

On the account of Daniel H. Silcox;

On the account of Courtney, Tennent & Co.;

On the accounts of David Lopez, H. W. Kinsman, and J. G. Bailey, for fitting up the Hall of the House of Representatives;

On the account of George D. Grice;

On the account of P. M. Wallace;

On the petition of Elijah Zimmerman, relative to injuries sustained by a road made through his land;

On the account of R. H. McDowell;

On the account of the Southern Porcelain Company;

On the account of E. O. Withington, for preparing an index;

On the account of the Edgefield Advertiser;

On the account of R. A. McKnight;

On the account of C. P. Pelham; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The reports of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives,

On the account of Drs. Malloy and Coit;

On the account of Dr. W. F. Barton;

On the account of Dr. D. C. Tomkins;

On the account of Dr. J. H. Laurence; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The reports of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On a resolution of inquiry as to requiring additional bonds to be given by tax collectors;

On the petition of B. W. Force, to be refunded a double tax;

On the petition of J. A. Pettigrew, to be refunded a tax twice paid; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

And also the following :

A resolution to suspend the Spring Courts in the Eastern and Third Circuits ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following resolution :

Resolved, unanimously, That this General Assembly has learned with the highest gratification, that the State of Georgia has passed an Ordinance withdrawing herself from the Federal Union ; and that His Excellency the Governor, be requested to express to the Executive of Georgia the congratulations of South Carolina at her action.

This resolution was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

At half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., the Senate received a communication from the Governor, and immediately went into Executive Session, and so continued until half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On resolution as to the right of voting in more than one election district, at the same general election ; which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the minority of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a resolution to inquire and report whether, under the Constitution of the State, a citizen having the property qualification in several election districts, is entitled to vote in more than one election district ; and also, whether a qualified elector may vote for Senator in one election district, and for Representative in another.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On "a Bill to extend relief to debtors," and on a memorial of merchants and other citizens of Charleston, against the passage of a stay law ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 19, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to your body to strike out so much of the report of the Committee on Claims of this House, on Message No. 3, of His Excellency, Governor Gist, relating to the report of James A. Black, Agent of the State, as recommends the payment of "Five Hundred Dollars additional, to the said James A. Black."

By order of the House,

R. B. BOYLSTON, *Speaker, pro tem.*

The Senate did not insist, but concurred in the House report, and it was returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Special Joint Committee, on the part of the Senate, in relation to a National Flag for the State of South Carolina; which, on motion of Mr. ALLEN, was considered, and agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

At half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour:

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, "to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes."

The Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour:

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions

On so much of Message No. 8, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the regiment of enlisted men, and the call for a battalion of Artillery;

A Bill creating a Military Establishment for the Commonwealth of South Carolina, and for other purposes.

The Senate proceeded with the second reading of the Bill, which had not been concluded, when Mr. MAZYCK, at a quarter-past 3 o'clock, P. M., moved that the Senate do take a recess until 7 o'clock, P. M. This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Bull, Cannon, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Heyward, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McCaw, Moses, Sessions, Watson and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Bryan, Dantzler, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Johnson, Marshall, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Roberds, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner and Ware.

In the affirmative, 24.

In the negative, 16.

The Senate, therefore, suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. McALILEY submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On a Bill to incorporate the Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company.

The Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Senate resumed the second reading of a Bill creating a Military Establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes.

In the ninth line, which reads, "and that the said officers shall take rank according to the date of their commissions," Mr. MOSES moved to strike out "commission," and insert "confirmation," together with the words which follow, so that if his amendment prevails, the clause would read, "and that the said officers shall take rank according to the date of confirmation, if the Senate shall be in session; and if not in session, then from the date of the nomination of the Governor, if afterwards confirmed by the Senate."

Mr. MAZYCK moved that this amendment do lie on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Blake-ney, Boykin, Dantzler, Fickling, Furman, Hampton, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Wagner, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Bryan, Cannon, DeLoach, Harrison, Johnson, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, Simpson, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 27.

In the negative, 13.

The motion, therefore, prevailed, and the amendment was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. HOPE moved to strike out the thirteenth section of the printed Bill, which is as follows:

"That if any Commissioned Officer, while in the line of his duty in the public service, shall die by reason of any wound received in the actual service, and leave a widow, or if no widow, a child or children, under the age of sixteen, such widow, or if no widow, such child or children, shall receive half monthly pay to which the deceased was entitled at his death, for and during the term of ten years. But in case of the death or intermarriage of such widow, before the expiration of the term of the said ten years, then the half pay for the remainder of the term shall go to the child or children of such deceased: *Provided, always*, that such half pay shall cease on the decease of such child or children, or their arriving at the age of sixteen years, or shall die before the expiration of the said ten years."

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, DeLoach, Hart, Hope, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Watson, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Blakeney, Dantzler, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Johnson, Marshall, Montgomery, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 15.

The motion, therefore, prevailed, and the section was stricken out.

The second reading of the Bill was concluded, and the Bill was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to authorize the appointment of a Special Magistrate for the town of Summerville; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

At half-past 9 o'clock, P. M., a communication was received from the Governor, when the Senate went into Executive Session, and so remained until half past 10 o'clock, P. M., when the Executive Session closed, and immediately thereafter.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, the Senate adjourned.

[CHARLESTON.]

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate, with their concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

On the petition of James R. Todd, praying compensation for injuries sustained by the opening of a public highway over his lands; also,

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of David Lopez, for fitting up Senate Chamber, &c., in Charleston; also,

Resolution for the adjournment of the General Assembly on the twenty-fourth instant, at 12 o'clock, M.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A resolution instructing the Comptroller General to sell chairs, tables, &c.; which was referred to the Committee on the new State House; also,

A resolution in relation to the call of physicians in cases of inquest; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; also,

A resolution in relation to the several Boards of Commissioners of Roads, Poor, and Public Buildings; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; also,

The report of the Special Joint Committee, on the Flag of South Carolina, and resolutions; which was referred to the Special Committee on the Flag, consisting of Messrs. Moses, Hampton, Manning, Lesesne and Dantzler; also,

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the report of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The reports of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, on a resolution whether the third section of the Act of 1783 is still of force; also,

The report of the Committee on Internal Improvements, upon the petition and counter petition for the removal of the Dam at Grindal Shoals, in Pacolet river; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

A resolution confirming an expenditure made by the Trustees of the Normal School; which was referred to the Committee on the College Education and Religion.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,
On a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Special Magistrate for the
town of Summerville; and also,

On a Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional Magistrate at
Bessantville, in All Saints' Parish.

The Senate proceeded with the second reading of

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one
thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Mr. ALLEN moved to amend the fourth and fifth lines of the seventh
section, which read in the Bill "Physician of the Jail and Physician of
the Magazine Guard, at Charleston, each five hundred dollars," by striking
out "five hundred dollars," to insert "three hundred dollars."

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are
as follows:

Those who voted in affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Cannon, Hope, McKewn, Moses, and
Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Blakeney,
Boykin, Bryan, Bull, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison,
Hart, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, Mc-
Aliley, McCaw, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions,
Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner, Ware, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 8.

In the negative, 31.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail. The reading was suspended to
receive the following message:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 22, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body that an Act entitled "An Act
to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock, for continuing the construction of
the new State House," is engrossed and ready for ratification.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed
Acts.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the following report:

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to whom was re-
ferred a message from the House of Representatives, informing this body

that an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock for continuing the construction of the new State House," has been engrossed and was ready for ratification, ask leave to recommend, that a message be sent to the House inviting that body to attend in the Senate Chamber at 2 o'clock, to join in the ratification of said Act.

The report was agreed to, and the message was sent accordingly; and immediately thereafter, the House of Representatives entered the Senate Chamber, and the Act was duly ratified in the presence of the members of both branches of the General Assembly.

The Senate resumed the second reading of a Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Mr. ALLEN moved to strike out seven thousand dollars, the appropriation for the transient poor of Charleston, and to insert three thousand dollars.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, this motion was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McALILEY moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that this do lie on the table; which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Boykin, Bryan, Bull, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Heyward, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McCaw, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Simpson, Wagner, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McAliley, McKewn, Moses, Sessions, Sharpe, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 18.

In the negative, 20.

The Senate, therefore, refused to order the motion to lie on the table.

On the question of reconsidering, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, Sessions, Sharpe, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Boykin, Bull, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hampton, Heyward, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Simpson, Wagner, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 18.

The motion, therefore, prevailed.

On the question of striking out seven thousand dollars, for the purpose of inserting three thousand dollars, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Beaty, Cannon, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McKewn, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Blakeney, Boykin, Bull, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 9.

In the negative, 30.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

The second reading of the Bill was concluded, and it was agreed to, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McALILEY, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Banks, gave notice that on the third reading he will move to suspend the twenty-sixth Rule, so far as it relates to this Bill.

Mr. MOSES, from the Judiciary Committee, to which had been referred a resolution, from the House of Representatives, to suspend the Courts on the Eastern Circuit and the third Circuit, submitted a report, recommending that the resolution do lie on the table; which was agreed to.

The same Committee also reported

A Bill to dispense with the sittings of the Courts of Law and Equity for a certain time; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. ALLEN, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the reports of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House of Representatives.

On the annual report of the Commissioners of the Poor of the city of Charleston.

Mr. GARLINGTON submitted the following resolution :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to procure, for the Coast Police of the State of South Carolina, three steamers, of such description as may, in his judgment, be best suited for said service.

The resolution was made the Special Order for this evening, at 7 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, the Senate, at ten minutes past 4 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. APPLEBY submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives.

On the accounts of Drs. Malloy and Coit, for post mortem examinations.

Mr. McALILEY submitted the reports of the Committee of Finance and Banks, on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of B. W. Force, to be refunded a double tax ;

On a resolution of inquiry relative to requiring additional bonds from tax collectors ;

On the petition of J. A. Pettigrew, to be refunded a tax twice paid.

Mr. MANNING submitted the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, confirming an expenditure by the Trustees of the Normal School ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to provide for the appointment and duties of officers connected with the Customs, and for other purposes.

The Bill received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Senate proceeded to the second reading of

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty ; and, after some time spent therein,

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the Bill be made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M.

On this question the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Boykin, Bryan, Hampton, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, Sessions, Simpson, Wagner, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McAliley,

McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sharpe, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 11.

In the negative, 30.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

The second reading was continued.

Mr. McALILEY moved the following amendment, to be inserted after "otherwise," in the fifty-fourth line of the printed Bill, viz: "The one tenth of one per cent. on all moneys loaned, or all moneys at interest, during the past year; and on all moneys invested in the Bonds or Stocks of any State or corporation other than the Bonds or Stocks of this State."

Mr. PALMER moved that the amendment do lie on the table. This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, Mazyek, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Simpson and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Blakeney, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, Sharpe, Wagner, Ware and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 19.

The motion, therefore, prevailed, and the amendment was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. HAMPTON moved to amend the fifty-fifth line, by striking out the words "this State or."

Mr. PALMER moved that this amendment do lie on the table; which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Bryan, Fickling, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 22.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

On agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Bryan, Fickling, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Wagner and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Marshall, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Ware and Watson.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 19.

The amendment, therefore, prevailed.

At ten minutes past 10 o'clock, before the reading had been concluded, the reading was suspended ; and,

On motion of Mr. WILSON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes past 10 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Special Committee of the Senate,

On the report and resolutions of the Joint Committee on the part of the House of Representatives, on the Flag of South Carolina ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the House report,

On the petition of John Calvin McDaniel, praying to be placed on the pension list ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McKEWN submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the amendment proposed by the Medical Committee of the House, to the Senate report on the account of Dr. J. H. Harrel, for post mortem examination ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the second reading of a Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Mr. MARSHALL moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, down to the end of the eighty-seventh line of the printed Bill, for the purpose of inserting a substitute, which he offered.

Mr. ALLEN moved that the substitute be printed, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks ; which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays ; and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Cannon, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Simpson, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Bryan, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Johnson, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, Watson, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 12.

In the negative, 27.

The motion, therefore, did not prevail.

On the question of agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Bryan, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Barker, Furman, Irby, Manning, Mazyck, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 31.

In the negative, 8.

The amendment was, therefore, agreed to.

Mr. MOSES moved to strike out, in the 115th line of the printed Bill, referring to the commissions of tax collectors, the following : " shall be at the rate of sixty-five per cent.," for the purpose of inserting the following : " no more in amount than the sum received by them for the collection of the taxes for the last fiscal year."

The question having been divided, on the question of striking out, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Blakeney, Bryan, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyek, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, and Simpson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Hart, Irby, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, Ware, and Wilson.

In the affirmative, 25.

In the negative, 14.

The words were, therefore, stricken out.

Mr. McALILEY moved the following amendment to that offered by Mr. MOSES :

“ But in no case shall the same exceed five per cent. on the sums respectively collected by them.”

Mr. MOSES moved that this do lie on the table ; which was ordered to be decided by the yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Barker, Bryan, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Hampton, Harrison, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Garlington, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, McAliley, McCaw, Simpson, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 16.

The amendment was, therefore, ordered to lie on the table.

The amendment offered by the Senator from Sumter, Mr. MOSES, was then agreed to.

Mr. BOYKIN moved to strike out the following :

“ That the commissions to be received by the various tax collectors of this State, for the year commencing on the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, shall be no more in amount than the sum received by them for the collection of taxes for the last fiscal year.”

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

In the affirmative

Mr. Boykin.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Bryan, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sharpe, Simpson, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 1.

In the negative, 36.

The amendment, therefore, did not prevail.

Mr. McALILEY moved an amendment, authorizing the Bank of the State to issue certificates amounting, in the whole, to three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in the following form: "This note, or certificate, will be received in payment of taxes, and other dues to the State of South Carolina, for ——— dollars."

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, Hart, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Simpson, Ware, and Watson

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Bryan, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Manning, Marshall, McCaw, Moses, Sessions, and Sharpe.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 17.

The amendment was, therefore, agreed to.

Mr. MAZYCK moved the following amendment:

"That the Treasurer and Tax Collectors of this State shall receive, in payment of taxes, only the notes or bills of such banks as do not refuse to receive and circulate the receivable notes to be issued by the President and Directors of the Bank of the State, as heretofore provided; and they shall receive no bank notes which are not at par with the notes of the Bank of the State of South Carolina."

Which was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays; and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Blakeney, Bryan, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, Sessions, Sharpe, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer and Simpson.

In the affirmative, 24.

In the negative, 15.

The amendment was, therefore, lost.

The second reading was concluded, and the Bill was agreed to, and was ordered to be printed.

A Bill to dispense with the sittings of the Courts of Law and Equity for a certain time, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave of that body to rescind the resolution of the two Houses to adjourn the present session on Thursday, the 24th instant, and to ask the concurrence of that body in fixing the adjournment for Friday, the 25th instant, at five o'clock, P. M.

The resolution was agreed to, and a message was ordered accordingly.

Mr. HAMPTON submitted the report of the Committee on the new State House,

On resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of curtailing the number of sub-officers in the department of the Chief Architect; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, the Senate, at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

A Bill to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate

A Bill creating a military establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes. This Bill had been amended by the House of Representatives on the third reading. The amendments were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House, on the account of Dr. F. Barton, for post mortem examination; also,

On a resolution, from the House, in relation to the call of physicians in cases of inquest.

Mr. McKELWYN presented the report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House, on the account of Dr. D. C. Tompkins, for examining a pauper lunatic; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents;"

A Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown in sundry particulars.

A Bill to incorporate the Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company, received the third reading, was agreed to, the title changed, and sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution; which was considered, and agreed to, and a message was ordered:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed for the examination of the Bank of the State of South Carolina and its branches; and that a message be sent to the House, asking the appointment of a like Committee, to act jointly with the Committee of the Senate.

Mr. HARRISON submitted the reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Clerk of the Senate, for stationery and other expenses incidental to the removal of the Legislature to Charleston, &c.;

On a resolution of inquiry relative to compensation to Mrs. Edward B. Davis, for a slave killed in the public service.

The reports were ordered for immediate consideration, and were agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House of Representatives, appointing Magistrates and other local officers, was considered, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report, by adding the following:

For Lexington District:

Commissioner of Free Schools—U. X. Gunter.

For St. Peter's Parish:

J. H. Rushing, Magistrate, in place of D. A. Wamock, who refused to qualify;

Alexander B. Addison, Magistrate, *vice* Wm. H. Shuman, resigned.

For Laurens District :

Ralph Gore, appointed Magistrate, *vice* Winder W. Hitch, removed from the State ;

Thomas Hill, Magistrate in the Spring Grove Beat.

For Chesterfield :

Thomas E. Powe, Magistrate.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Senate went into Executive Session, and so remained until half-past 9, P. M., when the Executive Session adjourned.

The following appointments by the Governor were announced to have been confirmed by the Senate, and information thereof ordered to be sent to the Governor :

Warren Adams.....	1st Lieutenant	2d	Infantry	Company.
T. A. Huguenin.....	1st	do.	2d	" "
G. W. Earle.....	1st	do.	5th	" "
R. DeTreville.....	1st	do.	3d	" "
A. P. Butler.....	3d	do.	6th	" "
Alfred Rhett.....	1st	do.	2d	Artillery "
T. B. Hayne.....	2d	do.	1st	Infantry "
Wm. Barwell, Jr.,...	3d	do.	1st	" "
S. D. Shannon.....	2d	do.	2d	" "
Mitchell King, Jr.,...	3d	do.	2d	" "
D. G. Fleming.....	3d	do.	2d	Artillery "
Willis Wilkinson.....	3d	do.	3d	Infantry "
Duff G. Calhoun.....	3d	do.	4th	" "
Allen Wardlaw.....	3d	do.	5th	" "
S. Sitgreaves.....	3d	do.	1st	Artillery "
R. Press Smith.....	2d	do.	5th	Infantry "
G. N. Reynolds.....	2d	do.	2d	Artillery "

vice W. H. Gibbes, resigned.

Mr. HAMPTON submitted the report of the Committee on the new State House.

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, in relation to the furniture provided for the session of the General Assembly, in Charleston ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to rescind the resolution of the two Houses to adjourn the present session on Thursday, the 24th

inst. They also concur in the proposition of your body, fixing the adjournment for Friday, 25th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The PRESIDENT announced the following Committee to examine the Bank of the State and its branches, under the resolutions adopted this day, namely :

For the parent Bank, Messrs. Moses and Allen.

For the branch at Columbia, Messrs. Harrison and Manning.

For the branch at Camden, Messrs. Boykin and Barnes.

And a message was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes to 10 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 1861.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Certain amendments having been made by the House of Representatives, on the third reading, the amendments, on motion of Mr. PALMER, were referred to the Committee of the whole Senate, to sit forthwith.

The Senate then resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. MOSES, the Senator from Sumter, in the Chair.

After some time spent therein, the Committee rose ; the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. GARLINGTON submitted the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, on the report of the same Committee of the House of Representatives.

On the Governor's Messages, Nos. 1 and 4.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Special Joint Committee on Postal Arrangements, to inquire and report what action it is most expedient to take for the transportation and delivery of the mails in this State, in the event that there should be a suspension of the present postal system within its limits.

The resolution was considered, and agreed to, and the Committee was instructed accordingly.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee of the Whole,

On a Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty; and pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee, a message to the following effect was sent to the House of Representatives, viz :

To restore the following in the third section : " five hundred dollars for the purchase of books for the Court of Appeals," added by the House of Representatives on the second reading, and stricken out by the House on the third reading.

And, in the eighth section, to restore " four thousand dollars for the salary of the Commissioner of the new State House," as agreed to by the Senate, and which had been reduced to three thousand five hundred dollars by the House of Representatives.

The Committee recommended that the Senate do concur in the amendment of the House, increasing the appropriation for military purposes, from eight hundred and fifty thousand dollars to nine hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Mr. ALLEN moved that the appropriation be stricken out from the Bill; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

In the affirmative,

Mr. Allen.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Bryan, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Pickling, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw,

McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Sharpe, Ware, Watson and Wilson.

The Senate refused to strike out, and concurred in the amendment.

The Committee also recommended that the Senate do concur in the amendment of the House, restoring thirty thousand dollars for dredging the Maffit Channel; with an amendment, so that if agreed to, the amendment would read as follows :

“ For dredging, deepening, or otherwise improving the Maffit Channel, as appropriated at the last session of the Legislature, thirty thousand dollars ; to be drawn and expended as directed by the joint resolution passed at the present session of the Legislature ; the work to be conducted by the Commissioners, under the advice of some competent engineer, now in the service of the State, to be named by the Governor.”

On the question of agreeing to the report, in this particular, the yeas and nays were ordered, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Alston, Barker, Boykin, Dantzer, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, McAliley, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sharpe, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Bryan, Bull, Cannon, LeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hart, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Mazyck, McCaw, McKewn, Moses, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 23.

The Senate therefore refused to agree, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to strike out the appropriation.

A message was also sent to the House of Representatives, pursuant to notice of suspension of the rule yesterday, asking leave to increase the compensation to the keeper of the Hibernian Hall for the present session, from one hundred dollars to two hundred dollars.

The Bill was then suspended to await the return of the messages.

The following Bills were postponed to the next session :

A Bill to make the Surveyor General and his Deputies Magistrates, *ex officio* ;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the Waccamaw Light Artillery ;

A Bill to alter the time of holding the election for Ordinary of Anderson District ;

A Bill to incorporate the Palmetto Lyceum, of Charleston.

Mr. HARRISON submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims of the House,

On the account of C. P. Pelham, for public printing ; also,

On the account of R. A. McKnight, for public printing ; also,

On the account of S. Brady ; also,

On the account of Daniel H. Silcox ; also,

On the account of Courtney, Tennent & Co. ; also,

On the accounts of David Lopez, Lambert & Howell, H. W. Kinsman and J. G. Bailey ; also,

On the account of George D. Grice ; also,

On the account of P. M. Wallace, for public printing ; also,

On the account of R. H. McDowell ; also,

On the account of "The Southern Porcelain Company," for wares furnished the House of Representatives ; also,

On the account of E. O. Withington, for preparing an Index to Reports and Resolutions of 1859 ; also,

On the account of "The Edgefield Advertiser," for public printing ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. E. G. PALMER submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On the report of the Committee on Internal Improvements of the House, upon the petition and counter petition for the removal of the Dam at Grindal Shoals, in Pacolet River ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following :

A resolution appointing a Commissioner of Roads for York District, to fill a vacancy in that Board ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings ;

A resolution appointing N. M. Cook Manager of Elections for Lancaster District ; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections ;

The report of the Military Committee, on a resolution directing the disposition of the late United States Arsenal ; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions ;

A resolution in relation to Postal Arrangements ; which was referred to the Special Committee on Postal Arrangements ;

The report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, on certain resolutions of inquiry as to the distribution of Acts and resolutions in the Clerks' Offices ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

A resolution as to the adjournment of the February Term of the Court of Equity ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

A resolution in relation to the suspension of the Courts of the Northern

and Middle Circuits; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary;

Resolutions appointing sundry Magistrates for Union and York Districts, and St. Peter's Parish and Sunterville; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

The report of the Committee on Incorporations,

On the petition of the Brooks Cavalry, praying an act of incorporation; and

The petition of the Palmetto Hussars, praying a charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for stationery; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Resolutions instructing the Comptroller General in relation to Insurance Offices; which was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives;

A resolution, declaratory and instructing, as to exceeding original appropriations made by the General Assembly; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

A report and resolution on a national flag; which was referred to the Committee on that subject.

Mr. GARLINGTON submitted the following resolution; which was considered, and agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That in the event of the interruption or suspension of our present mail facilities, the Governor of the State be authorized and empowered to make provisional arrangements with contractors and others, for the transportation and delivery of the mails, until otherwise directed by law.

Agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The twenty-third rule of the Senate was suspended for the remainder of the session, pursuant to the motion of yesterday.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice, that to-morrow he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to equalize the taxation on all description of property in this State, by an *ad valorem* duty of so much on every hundred dollars of the value thereof.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to extend relief to debtors, being before the Senate for consideration, Mr. HARRISON moved that the report do lie on the table, and the Bill be taken up.

Mr. MAZYCK moved, as an amendment, that the Bill and report do lie on the table:

This question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barker, Boykin, Bryan, Bull, Dantzler, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Hampton, Heyward, Lesesne, Mazyck, McAliley, McKewn, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Garlington, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Manning, Marshall, Montgomery, Sessions, Sharpe, Ware and Watson.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 16.

The Bill and report were, therefore, ordered to lie on the table.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to incorporate the village of Ninety-Six;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Riflemen within the limits of the Seventh Regiment, South Carolina Militia, and to incorporate the same;

A Bill to amend an Act, entitled "An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District;"

A Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional Magistrate at Bessantville, in All Saints' Parish. (The title of this Bill was amended, by striking out the words "at Bessantville;")

A Bill to authorize the appointment of a special Magistrate for the town of Summerville, (the following words being added to the title: "and an additional Magistrate for Lexington District.")

The following were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives:

The report of the Committee on the Military, of the House of Representatives,

On the report of the Board of Visitors for the State Military Academies, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

The report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives, On the account of Drs. Powell and Templeton, for post mortem examinations and medical attention to prisoners in jail.

Resolutions for discontinuing Sand Hill poll, in Barnwell District, and for establishing a new election precinct in Greenville District.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. W. Pettigrew, for a post mortem examination, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. HAMPTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Ordnance Board be, and are hereby, authorized to distribute such arms as they may deem proper to any troops of cavalry which may, in the opinion of members of the Board, stand in need of arms.

The resolution was considered, and was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate, at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

The Senate resumed their proceedings at 7 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. BARKER submitted the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On "A Bill to repeal certain Acts in relation to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in the State of South Carolina."

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On a resolution, from the House, in relation to the several Boards of Commissioners of Roads, Poor and Public Buildings.

Mr. McALILEY submitted the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill, from the House, to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt; also,

On the annual report of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State, and on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House, on the same subject-matter.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A resolution for the appointment of a Magistrate in Laurens District; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices;

A resolution, containing certain instructions to the Committee on Postal Affairs; which was referred to the Special Committee on Postal Affairs;

A resolution, instructing the Comptroller General to make inquiries relative to the Banks; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which it had concurred:

A resolution relative to mileage;

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On the report of the Keowee and Tuckaseegee turnpike road;

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the President of the State Agricultural Society.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, by appointing, for Lexington District, U. X. Gunter, Commissioner of Free Schools for said District; for St. Peter's Parish, J. H. Rushing, Magistrate, in place of D. A. Warnock, who refused to qualify, and Alexander B. Addison, Magistrate, *vice* Wm. H. Shurman, resigned; for Laurens District, Ralph Gore, Magistrate, *vice* Winder W. Hitch, removed from the State, and Thomas Hill, Magistrate, in the Spring Grove Beat; and for Chesterfield District, Thomas E. Powe, Jr., Magistrate.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The report was amended pursuant to leave granted, and, as amended, was concurred in and returned.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 23, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body that Mr. George A. Trenholm, a member of this House from the Parish of St. Philip and St. Michael, and Mr. Allan Macfarlan, a member of this House from the District of Chesterfield, have been excused from serving on the Committee on

Postal Arrangements, on the part of this House, and that Mr. Richard Yeadon, a member from the Parish of St. Philip and St. Michael, and Mr. Robert B. Boylston, a member from Fairfield District, have been substituted upon the said Committee, for those gentlemen, respectively.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*,

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body, that the following gentlemen have been appointed on Committees, to examine, on the part of this House, the Bank of the State of South Carolina, at Charleston, and its Branches at Columbia, Camden and Abbeville, respectively, to wit: to examine the Bank at Charleston, Messrs. Carew, B. J. Johnson and Screven; to examine the Branch at Columbia, Messrs. Buist Bookter and Ware; to examine the Branch at Camden, Messrs. Fraser, Nelson and Gilmore; to examine the Branch at Abbeville, Messrs. Butler, Lomax and Hayne. And this House respectfully requests the appointment by your body of similar Committees, to act, on the part of your body, jointly with the House Committees above named.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and informed the House of Representatives that Messrs. Moses and Allen had been appointed for the Parent Bank; Messrs. Harrison and Manning, for the Branch at Columbia; Messrs. Baykin and Barnes, for the Branch at Camden; Messrs. Marshall and Ware, for the Branch at Abbeville; and a message was returned accordingly.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate a Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty; certain amendments having been made by the House of Representatives on the third reading, the amendments were referred to the Committee of the Whole Senate, which sat forthwith.

Mr. MOSES, the Senator from Sumter, was called to the Chair; and, after some time spent therein, the Committee rose, the President resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body that Mr. John V. Moore, a member from the District of Anderson, has been appointed one of the Committee of this House, to examine the Branch of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, at Columbia, in the place of Mr. Henry Buist, excused at his request.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, by striking out, in the appropriations for the keeper of the Hibernian Hall, in seventeenth line of first section, the word "one" after the word "Hall," and inserting "two."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 24, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully declines to grant leave to your body to restore to "a Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty," the following, which was made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by this House on the third reading, to wit: in the sixteenth line of third section, after the word "dollars," the words "five hundred dollars for the purchase of books for the Court of Appeals." This House further respectfully refuses to grant leave to your body to restore to the eighth section of the same Bill, in the thirty-third line, the words "four thousand," which had been substituted by Senate on the second reading, for the words "three thousand five hundred," and which this House had stricken out on the third reading. This House further refuses to grant leave to your body to strike out of the said Bill the following section, which was stricken out by Senate on second reading, and restored by House on the third reading, to wit: "for dredging Maffit Channel, as

appropriated at the last session of the Legislature, thirty thousand dollars, to be drawn and expended as directed by the joint resolution passed at the present session of the Legislature."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

To this the Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave in relation to the Commissioner's salary and the Maffit Channel, and asking Committees of Conference; and informing the House, that on the first named subject the Senate had appointed Messrs. Hampton, Wagner and Cannon; and on the Maffit Channel, Messrs. Mazyek, Lesesne and Allen.

The vote on the Maffit Channel was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Blakeney, Beykin, Dantzer, Fickling, Hampton, Harrison, Hart, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, Marshall, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sharpe, Wagner and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Bryan, Cannon, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, Keitt, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, Moses, Sessions, Simpson, Ware and Watson.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 21.

A message was also ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the Bill to make appropriations, by adding "for Theodore Stark, Librarian and Keeper of the State House, the same per diem and mileage as are allowed to members of the Legislature, and that the President of the Senate do order his warrant on the Treasury for the same."

Mr. WAGNER submitted the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices,

On resolutions, from the House of Representatives, appointing sundry Magistrates for Union and York Districts, St. Peter's Parish, and Sumterville; also,

On a resolution, from the House, on the appointment of a magistrate for Laurens District.

Mr. HARRISON submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of Evans & Cogswell.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Special Committee of the Senate,

On the resolution of the House as to a national flag; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution of the House in relation to the suspension of the Courts on the Northern and Middle Circuits; also,

Of same Committee on a resolution of the House to suspend the Spring Courts on the Eastern Circuit, and the Third Equity Circuit; also,

Of same Committee on the resolution of the House as to the inexpediency of holding the February term of the Court of Equity for Charleston District; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES submitted the following report:

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred a Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, ask leave to report,

That they have considered the same, and recommend that the Senate refuse to concur in the amendment striking out the first section of the Bill as it went from the Senate, and inserting the words in said section which were in the Bill when it came to Senate for a second reading.

That the Senate concur in a subsequent part of the Bill, inserting "twenty;" and, in the same line, striking out "October," and inserting "December."

That the Senate refuse to concur in the amendment striking out the words "no more in amount than the sum received by them for the collection of the taxes for the last fiscal year," and inserting "the rate of sixty-five per cent. of the commissions now allowed them by law."

That the Senate refuse to concur in the amendment striking out the word "four" in two places in a subsequent part of the Bill, and inserting "two" in the place thereof; and in same part of the Bill, striking out the word "two," which occurs in two places, and inserting "one" in place thereof.

That the Senate refuse to concur in the amendment of the House, striking out the amendment of the Senate, marked "D," commencing with the words, "That it shall be lawful for the President and Directors," &c., down to the words "drafts hereinbefore provided for," inclusive.

The Senate directed messages to be sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the Bill, pursuant to the recommendations of the Committee, in all particulars except the second—referring to inserting "twenty;" and in the same line striking out "October," and inserting "December;" in which respect the Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives.

At 9 o'clock, P. M., the Senate, pursuant to previous order, resolved itself into Executive Session.

At half-past 11 o'clock, P. M., the Executive Session terminated.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes to 12, midnight.

[CHARLESTON.]

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1861.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers, of the House.

On certain resolutions of inquiry as to the distribution of Acts and Resolutions in the Clerks' offices.

Mr. McALILEY submitted the reports of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a resolution instructing the Comptroller General to institute a certain inquiry; also,

Of the same Committee, on a resolution declaratory and instructing as to exceeding original appropriations made by the General Assembly.

The reports were considered, and the House reports were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the report of the Commissioner of the Code; which was ordered for consideration at the next session of the Legislature.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Acts:

An Act to establish a Corps of Military Engineers;

An Act to incorporate the "Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company;" which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution; which was considered, and agreed to:

Resolved, That a Committee of two be appointed to wait upon his Excellency the Governor, and inform him that the General Assembly has passed a resolution to adjourn its present session at 5 o'clock, this day, and to ascertain if he desires the Senate to remain, to consider Executive matters.

Messrs. Moses and Sharpe were appointed the Committee.

A Bill to provide for the appointment and duties of officers connected with the Customs, and for other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, postponed for consideration till the next session of the Legislature.

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries of the House,

On a resolution, whether the third section of the Act of 1783 is still of force.

Also, of the same Committee,

On a resolution, from the House, appointing a Commissioner of Roads for York District, to fill a vacancy in that Board.

The reports having been ordered for immediate consideration, the House report and resolution were concurred in, and returned.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a resolution authorizing the Governor to pay certain officers and persons, &c.; also,

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the House resolutions,

On the disposition of the late United States Arsenal; which were placed in the General Orders of this day.

The Senate granted leave of absence to the Senators from Union and Marion, from and after this day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.; the former in consequence of sickness in his family.

On the third reading,

A message was sent to the House, asking leave to restore to "a Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown in sundry particulars," the amendment made by the Senate on the second reading, striking out Section IV., and inserting all after the words, "that the said Town Council shall have power," on sixth page, to bottom of page eleven, which was stricken out by the House on the third reading.

And on the third reading,

A message was sent to the House, asking leave to restore the following, to "a Bill to authorize the appointment of a special Magistrate for the town of Summerville," to wit: after the word "Summerville," at end of title, the words "and an additional Magistrate for Lexington District;" and, after first section, all from the words "and be it further enacted;" which amendments were made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by the House on the third reading.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the amendments by the House of Representatives, to

A Bill creating a military establishment for the State, and for other purposes, recommending that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments; and

Mr. BRYAN submitted a report from the minority of the same Committee, recommending concurrence in the House amendments.

Mr. GARLINGTON moved that both reports do lie on the table, and that the vote be taken on the amendments by the House; which were ordered.

On the question of agreeing to the amendments of the House, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Blakeney, Bryan, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Hampton, Heyward, Irby, Lesesne, Mazyck, McKewn, Moses, S. W. Palmer, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Simpson, Ware, and Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Harrison, Hart, Hope, Keitt, Maunin, Marshall, McAliley, McCaw, Montgomery, Sessions, Sharpe, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 18.

The amendments of the House were concurred in; and the Bill was amended accordingly, received the third reading, and was passed; title changed, and sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the following report:

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts ask leave to report, that

An Act to establish a corps of Military Engineers has been engrossed, and is ready for ratification.

On motion of Mr. SIMPSON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that House to attend in the Senate Chamber, at 2 o'clock, P. M., this day, for the purpose of ratifying this Act.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was also sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to rescind the resolution for the adjournment of the General Assembly, and proposing that the adjournment be fixed for Saturday, 26th instant, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to restore the following amendment to "a Bill to authorize the appointment of a Special

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Magistrate for the town of Summerville," to wit: after the word 'Summerville,' in the title of said Bill, insert "and an additional Magistrate for Lexington District;" and after the word "Magistrate," at the end of the said Bill, insert "And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that an additional Magistrate for Beat Number One, of Upper Battalion, Fifteenth Regiment, in Lexington District, be appointed, and that U. X. Gunter be appointed such Magistrate, with all the powers, rights and privileges now pertaining to such officers;" which amendments were made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by the House on the third reading.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Bill was amended pursuant to leave granted, and received the third reading; was passed, title changed, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully insists upon refusing to grant leave to your body to amend "A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, 1860," by restoring the words "four thousand dollars," for the salary of James Jones, Commissioner of the new State House; which words were stricken out by the House on the third reading, and "thirty-five hundred dollars," substituted therefor. The House also respectfully refuses leave to your body to strike out the appropriation "for dredging Maffit Channel, thirty thousand dollars," which was stricken out by the Senate on the second reading, and restored by the House on the third reading. The House concurs in the proposition of the Senate to appoint Committees of Conference on these subjects, and have appointed Messrs. Shannon, Carew, Peake, Cochran and Bookter, a Committee, on the part of this House, to act jointly with the Committee of the Senate, on the subject of the salary of the Commissioner of the new State House; and Messrs. W. G. DeSaussure, Yeadon, Maxwell, Lowndes and Ryan, a Committee to act with the Senate Committee on the subject of dredging Maffit Channel.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend "A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty," by adding, "for Theodore Stark, Librarian and Keeper of the State House, the same pay and mileage as are allowed to members of the Legislature," and that the President of the Senate be authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasury for the amount.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution of the Senate, authorizing the Governor to purchase certain Steamers, which was sent to this House by order the Senate, on the 22d instant, by adding the following words thereto, to wit :

"*Provided*, That when Steamers are procured, they shall be taken in lieu of those contemplated in a "Bill for the establishment of a Coast Police," passed by this General Assembly at its present session. *Provided, further*, That the cost of said Steamers shall not exceed the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate returned a message granting leave.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861,

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses leave to your body to restore the amendments to a "Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown in sundry particulars;" striking out "section IV.," and inserting after the words "legal obligation," at end of "section III.," all from the words, "that the said Town Council of Georgetown," in first line of page marked "6," down to the words "railroad companies," in eleventh line of page marked "11," inclusive; which amendment was made by Senate on second reading, and stricken out by House on third reading.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave.

The Senate also appointed a Committee of Conference on the subject, consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Heyward and Johnson, and requested the House to appoint a similar committee.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to your body to restore the amendment to a " Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty ;" striking out all after the enacting clause, down to the words " express companies," at bottom of fifth page, and inserting " Schedule A," herewith submitted ; which amendment was made by Senate on second reading, and stricken out by the House on third reading.

This House refuses, also, to grant leave to your body to restore the amendment to same Bill, in eleventh line of eighth page, by striking out the words, " at the rate of sixty-five per cent. of the commissions now allowed them by law," and inserting the following, to wit : " no more in amount than the sum received by them for the collection of taxes for the last fiscal year ;" which amendment was made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by House on third reading.

This House also refuses to grant leave to your body to restore to said Bill, in ninth line, ninth page, the following, to wit : strike out " two," and insert " four ;" and in tenth line, same page, strike out " one," and insert " two ;" also, in fifteenth line, same page, strike out " two," and insert " four ;" and in first line, tenth page, strike out " one," and insert " two ;" all of which amendments were made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by the House on third reading.

This House further refuses to grant leave to your body to restore the amendment to said Bill, after the words " the sale thereof," in thirteenth line of page 11, herewith submitted as " Schedule B ;" which amendment was made by Senate on second reading, and stricken out by House on third reading.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave.

The Senate also appointed a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Marshall, McAliley and Boykin ; and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking the appointment of a similar committee.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

The following Bills, which had received three readings in that House :

A Bill to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted ;

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to make malicious trespasses indictable ;"

A Bill to alter and amend the charter of the Hamburg and Edgefield Plank Road Company ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to convert the Arsenal, at Columbia, and the Citadel and Magazine, in and near Charleston, into Military Schools ;"

A Bill to amend the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company ;

A Bill to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville.

A Bill to alter the law in relation to Fish Sluices in Broad River ;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Riflemen within the limits of the Seventh Regiment, South Carolina Militia, and to incorporate the same ;

A Bill to repeal the Acts of incorporation of the town of Bluffton ;

A Bill to increase the number of Commissioners of Roads for Kingston Parish, and for other purposes ;

A Bill to provide for the appointment of an additional Magistrate in All Saints' Parish ;

A Bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents ;"

A Bill to amend the law in relation to house burning ;

A Bill to authorize the appointment of a Special Magistrate for the town of Summerville ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District ;"

A Bill to provide for the maintenance of a Police Guard in the town of Georgetown ;

A Bill to incorporate the village of Ninety-Six ;

The Bills received the third reading, were passed, titles changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Bills, which had been amended in the House of Representatives, on the third reading, and the amendments were referred, as follows :

A Bill to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes ; referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ;

A Bill to authorize the "Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company" to construct a draw-bridge over Mazyckborough Creek ; referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements ;

A Bill to increase the powers of Commissioners of Public Buildings ; referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings ;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a volunteer company within the limits of the Independent Battalion attached to the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry ; referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions ;

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new volunteer company, to be called the " St. Paul's Rifles ;" referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions ;

A Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Greenville ; referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The following resolutions, offered by the following gentlemen, were considered and agreed to :

By Mr. ALLEN,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance and Banks be instructed to inquire, and if they deem it expedient, to report a Bill on the first day of the next annual meeting of the General Assembly, to regulate and equalize the system of assessing the value of all lands and stocks and other property in this State, and to establish a direct and *ad valorem* tax of so much on each hundred dollars of the value thereof.

By Mr. MOSES,

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks to inquire into the expediency of changing the mode of collecting the general taxes, with a view to lessen the expense, and that they have leave to report by Bill or otherwise, at the next session.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, a resolution returning the thanks of the General Assembly unanimously to the officers and members of the Hibernian Society, for the use of their Hall during the present sitting of the Legislature ; which was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives ; and, also,

The report of the Special Committee on Postal Arrangements ; and, also,

A resolution to pay per diem and mileage to those appointed to examine the Normal Schools ; which were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. LESESNE submitted the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the amendment to a Bill to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, recommending concurrence.

The Bill received the third reading, was passed, title changed, and returned to the House.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which it had concurred :

The reports of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Clerk of the Senate, for stationery and for other expenses, incidental to the removal of the Legislature to Charleston ;

Providing compensation to Mrs. Edward B. Davis, for a slave killed in the public service ;

Resolution for distributing arms to Cavalry companies ;

Resolution in relation to Postal Arrangements.

Mr. CANNON submitted the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the amendments made by the House of Representatives to a Bill to increase the powers of Commissioners of Public Buildings, recommending concurrence.

The Bill received the third reading ; was passed, the title changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

At half-past 2 o'clock, P. M., the following Message was received from his Excellency the Governor :

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, January 25, 1861.

To the President and Members of the Senate :

I have received your Committee, appointed to inquire of me whether I have any further communication to make which will require the continuance of your body in Executive Session. I have to say that, at this time, I have no communication to make that would render it necessary to detain the Senate.

F. W. PICKENS.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the reports of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the amendments made by the House of Representatives, on the third reading, to the following Senate Bills, viz :

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer company within the limits of the Independent Battalion attached to the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry ; and on

A Bill to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer company, to be called the St. Paul's Rifles.

The Committee recommended concurrence ; the Bills received the third reading ; were passed, the titles changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. E. G. PALMER submitted the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

On amendments by the House of Representatives to a Bill to authorize the Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company to construct a draw-bridge over Mazyckborough Creek.

The report recommends concurrence, and it was agreed to; the Bill was passed; title changed, and sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WARE submitted the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On a Bill to renew and amend the charter of the town of Greenville.

The Committee recommend concurrence; the report was agreed to; the Bill received the third reading, and was passed, title changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following reports were ordered to lie on the table:

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House of Representatives, on the petition of citizens of Pickens District, praying that John Calvin McDaniel be placed on the pension roll;

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Committee on the Military of the House of Representatives, on so much of the Governor's Message as referred to the John Brown pike;

The two reports of the Special Committee of the Senate,

On the report and resolutions of the House of Representatives, on the National Flag of South Carolina.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of the Special Committee of that House, on the Flag, as follows: strike out all after the words "shall be," in the first resolution, and insert "Red, with Palmetto of natural color, upright in the centre—Blue Union, with white increscent."

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives, on the accounts of Drs. Malloy and Coit, for post mortem examinations, was agreed to, and the House report was rejected.

The following reports were concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives:

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Pickens District, praying that John Calvin McDaniel be placed on the pension roll of this State.

The reports of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the petition of B. W. Force, to be refunded a double tax ;

On a resolution of inquiry as to additional bonds to be given by tax collectors ;

On the petition of J. A. Pettigrew, to be refunded a double tax ;

On a resolution confirming extra expenditures by the Trustees of the Normal School.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. HAMPTON submitted the report of the Committee of Conference, on so much of the Bill to make appropriations as refers to the salary of the Commissioner of the new State House.

The report was passed over for the present.

Leave of absence was granted to the Senator from Prince William, after this day, and to the Senator from Anderson, after to-morrow.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to rescind the joint resolution of the General Assembly, by which the adjournment of the Assembly was fixed for this day, at 5 o'clock, P. M. But this House interposes, in proviso, that the period for the adjournment of this General Assembly be fixed for Monday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, the Senate, at ten minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

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At 7 o'clock, P. M. the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. MAZYCK submitted a resolution for publishing the Census, with the Acts and Resolutions ; which was considered and agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The following reports were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

The reports of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Courtney, Tennent & Co.;

On the account of S. Brady;

On the account of Daniel H. Silcox;

On the account of P. M. Wallace, for public printing;

On the account of George D. Grice;

On the accounts of David Lopez, Lambert & Howell, H. W. Kinsman and J. G. Bailey, for fitting up the Hall of the House of Representatives;

On the account of R. H. McDowell;

On the account of "The Southern Porcelain Company," for wares furnished the House of Representatives;

On the account of the Edgefield Advertiser, for public printing;

On the account of C. P. Pelham, for public printing;

On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for stationery;

On the account of R. A. McKnight, for public printing;

A resolution instructing the Comptroller General to sell chairs, tables, &c.;

A resolution in relation to the several Boards of Commissioners of Roads, Poor, and Public Buildings;

A resolution in relation to the call of Physicians, in cases of inquest;

A resolution for the appointment of Magistrates in Laurens District, to fill vacancy;

Resolutions appointing sundry Magistrates for Union and York Districts, and St. Peter's Parish, and Summerville;

A resolution in relation to the suspension of the Courts on the Northern and Middle Circuits.

The report of the Committee on Internal Improvements,

On petition and counter petition for removal of dam at Grindal Shoals, in Pacolet River.

The reports of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. J. H. Lawrence, for post mortem examinations;

On the account of Dr. D. C. Tompkins, for the examination of a pauper lunatic.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On a message from the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. J. A. Harrell, for post mortem examination, was agreed to, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives granting leave to the House to amend the report, by striking out fifty dollars, and inserting forty dollars.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the report of the Committee on Claims of the House, on the account

of E. O. Withington, for preparing an Index to Reports, and Resolutions of the year 1859, was recommitted, on motion of Mr. MOSES.

The report of the Committee on the new State House, on a resolution as to the reduction of the number of sub architects in the department of the architect, (recommending that it is inexpedient at present to reduce the number,) was agreed to.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House of Representatives, on the account of Dr. W. F. Barton, for post mortem examination, was agreed to, and the House report was rejected.

The Committee on Foreign Affairs was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the same Committee of the House of Representatives, on Messages Nos. 1 and 4 of the Governor.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend a resolution, providing for suspending Spring Term of Courts in the Eastern Circuit, and third Equity Circuit, by adding the "Western Circuit."

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the resolution relative to the sittings of the February Term of the Court of Equity, for Charleston, as follows:

Strike out all after the word "Resolved," and insert the following: "That it is inexpedient, that at the February sitting of the Court of Equity for the District of Charleston, the present year, any cases should be taken up for trial, except by consent."

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State, was ordered to lie on the table.

The same Committee was discharged from the further consideration of

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, (recommending continuance to the next session) on

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to repeal certain Acts in relation to the registration of births, marriages and deaths, in the State of South Carolina, was ordered to lie on the table, and the Bill received the second reading, was agreed to, and was sent to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a resolution for the pay of certain officers and other persons who have been employed by the Governor in the present emergency of public

affairs, was ordered to lie on the table, and the resolution was agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, on a resolution directing the disposition of the late United States Arsenal, was agreed to, and the House report was rejected.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to your body to amend the report of the Joint Committee, appointed to consider what should be the Flag or Ensign of South Carolina, by striking out all in the first resolution after the words " shall be," and inserting the following, to wit : " Red, with Palmetto of natural color, upright in centre—Blue Union, with white increscent thereon."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate returned a message, insisting on asking leave. The Senate also appointed a Committee of Conference, consisting of Messrs. Moses, Manning, Les  sne, Dantzler and Hampton, and requested the House to appoint a similar committee.

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully insists upon refusing to grant leave to your body to amend " A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty," by striking out all after the enacting clause, down to the words " express companies," and inserting " Schedule A," herewith submitted.

This House also insists on refusing leave to your body to amend the same Bill in the eleventh line of the eighth page, by striking out the words " at the rate of sixty-five per cent. of the commissions now allowed by law," and inserting the following, to wit : " no more in amount than," &c., as set forth in the message from the Senate of this date.

This House also insists on refusing leave to your body to amend the same Bill by striking out, in the ninth line and ninth page, " two," and inserting " four;" and in tenth line, same page, striking out " one," and inserting

"two;" and also, in the fifteenth line, same page, by striking out "two," and inserting "four;" in the first line, tenth page, by striking out "one," and inserting "two."

This House also insists on refusing leave to your body to amend the same Bill, by adding, after the words "the sale thereof," in the thirteenth line, eleventh page, schedule marked "B;" all of which amendments were made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by the House on the third reading.

This House has appointed Messrs. W. G. DeSausure, Read, Ryan, Kirk, and Mullins, a Committee to act jointly with the Committee of your body on the subject-matter of difference between the two Houses, as above set forth.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully insists upon refusing leave to your body to amend "a Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown in sundry particulars," by striking out "section IV.," and inserting, after the words "legal obligation," at the end of "section III.," all, from the words "that the said Town Council of Georgetown," in the first line of page marked "6," down to the words "railroad companies," in the eleventh line of page marked "11," inclusive; which amendment was made by the Senate on the second reading, and stricken out by the House on the third reading.

This House has appointed Messrs. Dozier, Weston, Farrow, Fraser and O'Connor, a Committee to act jointly with the Senate Committee of conference, upon the subject-matter of the said amendments.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The following message was received from the Senate:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 25, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body, that they have agreed to the report of the Joint Committee of Conference of Senate and House, on so much of the "Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty," as refers to the salary of James Jones, Commissioner for the new State House, which report recom-

mends that the amendment of the Senate, appropriating four thousand dollars for the salary of that officer for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty, be concurred in by this House.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Bill was then amended, pursuant to the leave granted, and the report of the Committee of Conference of the Senate, on the same subject.

Mr. LESESNE submitted the following report :

The Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate, to whom, in conjunction with a like Committee on the part of the House, was referred the difference between the two Houses, respecting the clause in the general appropriation Bill appropriating thirty thousand dollars for dredging Maffit channel, ask leave to report.

That the two Committees met, and agreed to recommend that the clause referred to be modified and amended, so as to read as follows: "For deepening or otherwise improving the Maffit channel, thirty thousand dollars, to be drawn by and expended under the direction of a commission, to consist of the following persons, viz : George A. Trenholm, Henry Gourdin, Geo. N. Reynolds, Jr., Wilnot G. DeSaussure, F. J. Percher, H. E. Vincent, and the Mayor of Charleston, *ex officio* : *Provided*, That the work shall not be resumed until Fort Sumter shall pass into the possession of the authorities of the State, and all the troops of the United States shall be removed from the harbor of Charleston.

The report was agreed to by the Senate.

The House of Representatives returned the following Acts; which were committed to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, viz :

An Act to authorize the "Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company" to construct a Draw Bridge over Mazyekborough Creek.

An Act to authorize the formation of a New Volunteer Company, to be called the "St. Paul's Rifles."

An Act creating a Military Establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes ;

An Act to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company within the limits of the Independent Battalion attached to the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry ;

An Act to alter the law in relation to Fish Sluices in Broad River ;

An Act to amend the Charter of the Laurens Railroad Company ;

An Act to increase the powers of Commissioners of Public Buildings.

The President announced that all the papers before the Senate had been disposed of.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate adjourned at half-past 9 o'clock, P. M.

[CHARLESTON.]

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which it had concurred :

Resolution authorizing the Governor to purchase certain steamers ;

Resolution relative to the pay of certain officers and others, who have been employed by the Governor ;

Resolution for publishing the Census with the Acts and Resolutions.

Mr. HOPE submitted a resolution in relation to the causes which have led the Southern States to secession ; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Mr. RHETT submitted the report of the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, to pay the joint commission to examine and report on the Normal School ; and the resolution was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of the Brooks Cavalry, praying a charter.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. KEITT to withdraw from its files the account of Dr. W. F. Barton.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate took up from the table the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

On the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House of Representatives, on the report of Commissioners appointed to assess damages to D. C. Tomkins, for injury to him by opening a road through his land ; and the report was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate granted leave of absence to the Senator from Richland, after this day.

The Committee on Claims and Grievances was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of Elijah Zimmerman, asking the appointment of Commissioners to assess damages incurred by the opening of a new road through his land.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully insists upon refusing leave to your body to amend the report of the Joint Committee appointed "to consider what should be the Flag or Ensign of South Carolina," by striking out all in the first resolution after the words "shall be," and inserting the following, to wit: "Red, with Palmetto of natural color, upright in centre—blue Union, with white inescutcheon thereon."

House has appointed Messrs. Weston, Rhett, Sereven, Read and Coffin, a Committee to act jointly with the Committee of the Senate, in conference on this subject.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. LESESNE submitted a resolution for returning thanks to the Clario-sophie and Chrestomethic Society for the use of their desks by the Senate during the present session; which was considered and agreed to.

The Senate granted leave of absence, after this day, to the Senator from St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

Mr. HARRISON offered a resolution authorizing the Governor to tender troops to Florida, if necessary; which was agreed to, and sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from Col. John Cunningham, in reference to the proceedings of the Senate on the subject of the Arsenal; which was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. FICKLING submitted the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a resolution, from the House of Representatives, appointing N. M. Cook manager of elections for Lancaster District.

The report was ordered for immediate consideration, and the resolution was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WILSON submitted the report of the Committee of Conference,

On a Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown; and immediately thereafter, the following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body that they have agreed to the report of the Joint Committee of Conference of the two Houses, to whom was referred the matters of difference on the "Bill to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown," &c.; by which report the following amendments are recommended, to wit: at the bottom of the sixth page, insert after the word "town," "a tax not to exceed five dollars;" and strike out the following words, "such reasonable tax as they, the said Town Council, may deem expedient." On the seventh page, four lines from the bottom, strike out all the words of that section, beginning with the words "also, annually;" strike out the fifth, sixth and eighth sections of the amended Bill, and the fourth clause of the House Bill be restored.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Bill was amended pursuant to leave, received the third reading, was passed, title changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, for concurrence,

A resolution for paying mileage to certain officers of the Senate and House of Representatives; which was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully informs your body that an Act entitled "An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District" is engrossed and ready for ratification.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. MOSES submitted the following report:

The Committee of Conference, on the part of the two Houses, appointed to determine what shall be the national flag or ensign proper to be borne by

the State of South Carolina, have performed the duty assigned to them, and beg leave to report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That from and after the adoption of these resolutions the national flag or ensign of South Carolina shall be blue, with a golden palmetto upright upon a white oval in the centre thereof, and a white increscent in the upper flag-staff corner of the flag.

2. *Resolved*, That these resolutions be communicated to his Excellency the Governor, and that he be respectfully requested to publish and declare this national flag or ensign to all whom it may concern.

Immediately thereafter, a message was received from the House of Representatives informing the Senate that the House had adopted the report of its Committee on that subject. The resolution was then amended, and concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. Jos. F. Harrell, for post mortem examination; in which it had concurred.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to repeal certain Acts in relation to the Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages in the State of South Carolina; which received the third reading, was passed, title changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate, at half-past 2 o'clock, suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully refuses to grant leave to your body to amend the resolution of the House, in relation to Spring Term of Courts, in the Eastern Circuit, and third Equity Circuit, by inserting the words "and Western," after the word "Eastern."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate did not insist, but concurred in the resolution, and ordered it to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. WILSON, the communication of Col. Cuninghame, relative to the United States Arsenal, was taken from the table.

Mr. BRYAN moved a reconsideration of the vote whereby the Senate yesterday agreed to the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the report of the Committee on the Military, of the House of Representatives, on a resolution relative to the United States Arsenal, and the same was ordered.

Mr. BRYAN then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on a resolution from the House, relating to the United States Arsenal, be recommitted, with authority to send for persons and papers.

The resolution was considered, and agreed to; and the report was recommitted; and,

On motion of Mr. BRYAN, the communication of Col. Cuninghame was again ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. HAMPTON, Judge Robertson, Commissioner from Virginia, was invited to a seat in the Senate Chamber.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the same courtesy was extended to the Hon. Charles J. Williams, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Georgia, and the Hon. Mr. Deloney, a member of the same House, and a Committee was appointed to extend the invitation to them.

Messrs. Moses and Lesesne were appointed the Committee.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to amend the House resolution, in relation to the inexpediency of holding the February Term of the Court of Equity, for Charleston District, by striking out all after the word "*Resolved*," and inserting the following to wit: "It is inexpedient that at the February sitting of the Court of Equity, for the District of Charleston, the present year, any cases should be taken up for trial, except by consent."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The resolution was amended, pursuant to leave granted; and as amended, was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully informs your body that they have agreed to the report of the Committee of Conference of the two Houses, on the subject of the appropriation for dredging Maffit channel, which report recommends the following amendment and alteration of the clause in question, to wit : so as to read, " For deepening or otherwise improving the Maffit channel, thirty thousand dollars, to be drawn by and expended under the direction of the following Commission, viz : George A. Trenholm, Henry Gourdin, George N. Reynolds, Jr., Wilmot G. DeSaussure, F. J. Porcher, H. E. Vincent and the Mayor of Charleston, *ex-officio*. *Provided*, That the work shall not be resumed until Fort Sumter shall pass into the possession of the authorities of the State, and all the troops of the United States shall be removed from the Harbor of Charleston."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Bill was amended, pursuant to leave granted, and received the third reading, and was passed ; the title changed, and it was returned the House of Representatives.

Mr. SIMPSON submitted the following report :

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to whom was referred a message from the House, informing the Senate that an Act entitled " An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District," ask leave to recommend that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that body to attend in the Senate Chamber at 8 o'clock, to join in the ratification of said Act.

Also, to ratify An Act to establish a Corps of Military Engineers.

A message was accordingly sent to the House of Representatives, inviting the House in the Senate chamber at 8 o'clock, P. M., to ratify the Acts.

The House of Representatives immediately returned an acceptance of the invitation ; and at the hour named, the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber, and the Acts were ratified in the presence of the members of the General Assembly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, the report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for certain expenses incidental to the removal of the Legislature to Charleston ; which was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. FICKLING, the reports of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, and of the minority of the same Committee, in

relation to the right of voting more than once at the same general election, were continued to the next regular session of the Legislature.

Mr. MARSHALL submitted the following report :

The Committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to meet in conference a Committee of the House, upon certain amendments proposed by the Senate to a Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, report :

That after a full interchange of the views entertained by both Houses, the Committee have agreed upon the plan hereinafter proposed, to wit : To amend the first section, by striking out all after the enacting clause, and inserting in lieu thereof, the schedule herewith filed, marked "A." To amend the eighth section, by striking out "sixty-five," and inserting in lieu thereof, "eighty," at the third line. To amend the tenth, by striking out "two thousand," in the third and tenth lines, and inserting in lieu thereof, "four thousand five hundred." And in the same section, to amend the fourth and eleventh lines, by striking out "one thousand," and inserting in lieu thereof, "two thousand five hundred;" and that the schedule herewith filed, marked "B," be added as additional sections.

The report was agreed to, and a message was received from the House of Representatives, granting leave to the Senate to amend the Bill accordingly.

The Bill was then amended; the third reading was concluded; the Bill was passed, title changed, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate an Act to renew and amend the charter of the town of Greenville; and it was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was ordered, that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet on Monday, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of the same gentleman, the Senate adjourned at fifteen minutes to 9 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1861.

The Senate met at 10, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, reported that the Acts which had been passed by the General

Assembly at the present session had been engrossed, and were now ready to be ratified; whereupon a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that House to attend, at 11 o'clock, A. M., in the Senate Chamber, for the purpose of ratifying the Acts. Immediately thereafter, the following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully accepts the invitation of the Senate, to ratify the Acts, which have been passed at the present session of the General Assembly, at 11 o'clock, A. M., this day.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. SHARPE, for Mr. HARRISON, submitted the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the recommitment report of that Committee on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House of Representatives,

On the account of E. O. Withington, for indexing the Reports and Resolutions passed by the Legislature in 1859; which was placed in the General Order of this day.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate, a message informing the Senate that certain Acts which had been passed had been ratified.

The message was ordered to lie on the table.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A resolution for rescinding so much of the resolution for the adjournment of this General Assembly, this day, as fixed the hour at 1 o'clock, P. M. The resolution was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A resolution relative to the secession of Louisiana; which was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber, and the ratification of the Acts was commenced; and, after some time spent therein, a message was announced from his Excellency the Governor. The President of the Senate having made the announcement, the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives retired; and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to suspend the ratification of the Acts.

The House of Representatives returned the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to your body to suspend the ratification of the Acts of the General Assembly, for the reason and purpose indicated in the message from the Senate of this date.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate then went into secret session, and when the session terminated, it was announced that the seal of secrecy was removed from a communication from the Governor, relative to resolutions and a Commissioner from Virginia.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolutions, which were considered and agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, unanimously, That the General Assembly of South Carolina tenders to the Legislature of Virginia their acknowledgements of the friendly motives which have inspired the mission intrusted to the Hon. Judge Robertson, her Commissioner.

Resolved, unanimously, That the candor which is due to the long-continued sympathy and respect which has subsisted between Virginia and South Carolina, induces this General Assembly to declare with frankness that they do not deem it advisable to initiate negotiations, when they have no desire or intention to promote the ultimate object in view ; that object is declared in the resolutions of the Legislature of Virginia to be the procurement of amendments, or new guarantees, to the Constitution of the United States.

Resolved, unanimously, That the separation of the State of South Carolina from the Federal Union is final, and she has no further interest in the Constitution of the United States ; and that the only appropriate negotiations between her and the Federal Government, are as to their mutual relations as foreign States.

Resolved, unanimously, That this General Assembly further owes it to her friendly relations with the State of Virginia, to declare that they have no confidence in the Federal Government of the United States ; that the most solemn pledges of that Government have been disregarded ; that, under pretence of preserving property, hostile troops have been attempted to be introduced into one of the fortresses of this State, concealed in the hold of a vessel of commerce, with a view to subjugate the people of this State ; and that even since the authorities at Washington have been informed of

the present mediation of Virginia, a vessel of war has been sent to the South with troops and munitions of war, concentrated on the soil of Virginia.

Resolved, unanimously, That under these circumstances this General Assembly, with renewed assurances of their cordial respect and esteem for the people of Virginia, and of high consideration for the Commissioner whom they have sent, declines entering into the proposed negotiations.

It was also announced that the following appointments by the Governor had been confirmed, to wit:

For the Regiment of Enlisted Men.

J. H. Anderson,	for Colonel.
Barnard E. Bee,	Lieutenant Colonel.

Corps of Engineers.

Walter Gwynne,	for Major.
E. B. White,	Captain.
J. H. Trapier,	Captain.
Francis D. Lee,	1st Lieutenant.
Geo. W. Earle,	1st Lieutenant.
John McCready,	1st Lieutenant.
J. White Gregorie,	1st Lieutenant.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully asks leave of your body to amend Senate's resolution in relation to the Message, No. 11, of his Excellency the Governor, and accompanying documents, by striking out all after the words "*Resolved*," and inserting the following: "That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, requested to transmit to the Governors of the slaveholding States, as soon as practicable after the termination of the mission of I. W. Hayne, Esq., to Washington, so much of the correspondence connected with it as will give a proper understanding of all the facts in relation thereto; and that the Governor be requested, as soon as in his judgment it may be compatible with the public interest, to publish the whole of the correspondence."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*,

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives proposing to resume the ratification of the Acts forthwith.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate suspended business until 6 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 6 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The Senate granted leave of absence to A. D. Gaillard, messenger, for the remainder of the session, on account of sickness in his family.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully accept the invitation of the Senate, to attend in the Senate Chamber forthwith, to finish the ratification of the Acts passed at the present session of the General Assembly.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Immediately thereafter, the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives appeared in the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were duly ratified in the presence of both branches of the General Assembly :

ACTS ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE.

An Act to authorize the formation of a New Volunteer Company of Infantry within the limits of the Twenty-Sixth Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the "Chester Rifles," and to incorporate the same ;

An Act to lend the name and credit of the State to the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company, in the readjustment of their debt ;

An Act to declare a certain portion of Four Holes Creek a navigable stream ;

An Act to incorporate the Central Railroad Company of South Carolina ;

An Act to incorporate the Citizens' Line Railway Company of Charleston, South Carolina ;

An Act to incorporate the Barnwell Railroad Company ;

An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Aiken ;

An Act to incorporate the Charleston City Railway Company of South Carolina ;

An Act to incorporate the Bennettsville and Society Hill Railroad Company;

An Act to incorporate the Buford's Bridge Railroad Company;

An Act to incorporate the Greenville Gas Light Company;

An Act to incorporate the New Building and Loan Association;

An Act to amend the Charter of the Town of Sumter;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enlarge and extend the powers of the Governor, and of the City Council of Charleston, over Quarantine, and for other purposes," passed on the twentieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two;

An Act to incorporate the West Point Mill Company;

An Act to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company of Infantry within the limits of the Fifteenth Regiment of South Carolina Militia, to be called the "Lexington Volunteer Rifle Company," and to incorporate the same; and to authorize the formation of certain other new Volunteer Companies, and for other purposes;

An Act to incorporate the Shoe and Leather Manufacturing Company;

An Act to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company within the limits of the Independent Battalion attached to the Thirteenth Regiment of Infantry;

An Act creating a Military Establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes;

An Act to renew and amend the Charter of the Town of Greenville;

An Act to amend the charter of the Laurens Railroad Company;

An Act to authorize the formation of a new Volunteer Company, to be called the St. Paul's Rifles;

An Act to alter the law in relation to Fish Sluices in Broad River;

An Act to increase the powers of Commissioners of Public Buildings,

An Act to authorize the Railroad Accommodation Wharf Company to construct a draw-bridge over Mazyekborough Creek.

ACTS ORIGINATING IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

An Act to incorporate certain Societies, Associations and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others;

An Act to incorporate Ninety-Six Church;

An Act to prescribe the form of Permits for Slaves to be absent from the owner's premises;

An Act to authorize the formation of a Troop of Cavalry at Spartanburg Village, to be received into the Upper Squadron, Ninth Regiment, Fifth Brigade, of South Carolina Cavalry, and to incorporate the same;

An Act to repeal the seventh section of an Act entitled "An Act for the more effectual relief of Insolvent Debtors, and for other purposes," passed the seventh day of April, one thousand seven hundred and fifty-nine;

An Act to amend the Charter of the Georgetown Railroad Company, so as to authorize the said Company to extend their road to Bishopville, in Sumter District, and to reduce the amount of Stock necessary to be held by any one before becoming a Director or Officer in said Company;

An Act to incorporate the Due West Female College;

An Act to amend and renew the Charter of Grace Church, Charleston;

An Act to vest in certain persons all the right, title and interest of the State, by Escheat, in and to certain property;

An Act to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes;

An Act to provide for compensation to owners of property taken for public purposes;

An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to the method of counting votes in all elections by the people;

An Act to afford aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad;

An Act to incorporate the "Calhoun Guards;"

An Act to incorporate certain religions and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted;

An Act to incorporate certain towns and villages, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted;

An Act to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to require and regulate the granting of licenses to itinerant salesmen and travelling agents;"

An Act to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted;

An Act to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to make malicious trespasses indictable;"

An Act to incorporate the village of Ninety-Six;

An Act to provide for the appointment of an additional Magistrate in All Saints' Parish;

An Act to authorize the appointment of a Special Magistrate for the town of Summerville, and an additional Magistrate for Lexington District;

An Act to authorize the formation of a volunteer company of Riflemen within the limits of the Seventh Regiment, South Carolina Militia, and to incorporate the same;

An Act to amend the law in relation to house burning;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to convert the Arsenal at Columbia, and the Citadel and Magazine in and near Charleston, into Military Schools;"

An Act to repeal certain Acts in relation to the Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths, in the State of South Carolina;

An Act to incorporate the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville;

An Act to increase the number of Commissioners of Roads for Kings-ton Parish, and for other purposes;

An Act to provide for the maintenance of a Police Guard in the town of Georgetown;

An Act to provide for the proper administration of the Admiralty and Maritime Law in the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes;

An Act to alter and amend the charter of the Hamburg and Edgefield Plank Road Company;

An Act to repeal the Acts of incorporation of the town of Bluffton;

An Act to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty;

An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty;

An Act to amend the charter of the town of Georgetown, in sundry particulars; and

A Bill to alter and amend the Tenth Section of the first Article of the Constitution of the State of South Carolina.

The following had been previously ratified:

An Act to provide an armed military force;

An Act to establish a corps of military engineers;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to afford increased facilities for the administration of justice in Charleston District;"

An Act to authorize the issue of Bonds or Stock for continuing the construction of the new State House;

An Act for the establishment of a coast police for the State of South Carolina;

An Act to authorize the issue of Certificates or Stock to provide for the military defence of the State; and

A Bill to alter and amend the third section of the first article of the Constitution of this State.

The Senate considered the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the recommitted report of that Committee, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House of Representatives,

On the account of E. O. Withington, for preparing an index to the Reports and Resolutions of the Legislature in 1859.

The report of the Committee of the Senate was agreed to, which recommends the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire, with leave to report at the next session, if any legislation is necessary in reference to the duty of preparing an index to the Reports and Resolutions, the compensation to be paid therefor, and to whom.

A message was also sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to strike out the resolution recommended by the Committee on Claims, of the House of Representatives, on the above petition, which provides for the payment hereafter of thirty dollars, for indexing the Reports and Resolutions, passed by the General Assembly.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. KEITT to withdraw from its files the account of Dr. R. V. Dannelly.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate, resolutions relative to the mission of the Commissioner from Virginia, in which it had concurred.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the Senate went into Executive Session.

At half-past 10 o'clock, P. M., the Executive Session terminated.

It was then announced that the Senate, in Executive Session, had reconsidered the nomination of J. H. Anderson, for Colonel, and Barnard E. Bee, as Lieutenant Colonel, of the Regiment of enlisted men, which nominations had been confirmed this morning. These nominations were announced as being still under consideration.

It was also announced that R. G. M. Dunovant, as Brigadier General, R. S. Ripley, as Lieutenant Colonel; W. D. DeSaussure, Major of Cavalry; N. G. Evans, Senior Captain of Cavalry, had been confirmed by the Senate.

A communication from General R. G. M. Dunovant, resigning the office of Adjutant and Inspector General, was laid before the Senate, and was ordered to lie on the table.

It was also announced that the injunction of secrecy was removed from the resolution adopted this day by both Houses relative to the message of the Governor, on Fort Sumter, and the mission of Col. Hayne to Washington.

Mr. WAGNER, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, reported the office of Adjutant and Inspector General vacant.

On motion of Mr. WAGNER, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to go forthwith into a ballot for Adjutant and Inspector General.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

This House respectfully requests the concurrence of your body in the following alteration of the flag lately adopted by this General Assembly, to

wit: to dispense with the white medallion and golden palmetto, and in their place to insert a white palmetto.

By order of the House.

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate concurred, and returned a message accordingly.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL, the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the report of the Committee on the Military of the House of Representatives, relative to the United States Arsenal, was continued to the next session.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing the House of Representatives that the Senate had disposed of the business before it, and was now ready to adjourn the present session of the General Assembly *sine die*.

The Clerk of the Senate, on his return, stated that the Speaker of the House of Representatives desired him to inform the Senate that the House was unable, for want of a quorum, to return a similar message.

Mr. MOSES moved that the Senate do now adjourn.

The PRESIDENT announced that if the motion was carried, as no hour for the adjournment had been fixed by the two Houses, the Senate, if it adjourned, would stand adjourned *sine die*.

The motion for the adjournment was carried, and the President, at eleven o'clock, P. M., announced the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1861.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., this day, the Senate, pursuant to the Proclamation of his Excellency the Governor, convened in the Senate Chamber, at the Capitol, in Columbia.

In the absence of the Clerk, Mr. MOSES called the roll of the Senate, and it appearing that a quorum being present, the PRESIDENT took the Chair, and the following Senators answered to their names :

Hon. W. D. Porter, <i>President</i> ,	St. Philip's and St. Michael's.
" J. Duncan Allen,	Barnwell.
" Charles Alston, Jr.,	All Saints'.
" M. T. Appleby,	St. George's, Dorchester.
" S. W. Barker,	St. John's, Berkeley.
" Robert Beaty,	Union.
" J. W. Blakeney,	Chesterfield.
" A. Hamilton Boykin,	Kershaw.
" C. R. Boyle,	St. Paul's.
" Gabriel Cannon,	Spartanburg.
" A. C. Garlington,	Newberry.
" John C. Hope,	Lexington.
" Charles Irby,	Marlboro'.
" G. D. Keitt,	Orange.
" A. Mazyek,	St. James', Santee.
" R. G. McCaw,	York.
" J. C. McKewn,	St. James', Goose Creek.
" S. J. Montgomery,	Williamsburg.
" James E. DeLoach,	Prince William's.

Hon. F. J. Moses,	Sumter.
“ E. G. Palmer,	Fairfield.
“ S. W. Palmer,	St. Stephen's.
“ Elam Sharpe,	Pickens.
“ T. Edwin Ware,	Greenville.
“ Tillman Watson,	Edgefield.

The CLERK then read the following Proclamation :

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, July 6, 1861.

According to an Act of the Confederate Congress, entitled “An Act to put into operation the Government under the Permanent Constitution of the Confederate States of America,” it is required that each State shall vote, on the first Wednesday in November next, for President and Vice President of the Confederate States, which officers are to be inaugurated on the twenty-second of February next; and

Whereas the existing law of the State provides that Electors for President and Vice President shall be appointed by the Legislature; and whereas the Legislature of this State will not be in regular session at the time prescribed by the aforesaid Act, for appointment of Electors :

Therefore, be it known that I, F. W. PICKENS, Governor in and over the State of South Carolina, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution, authorizing the Governor, on extraordinary occasions, to convene the General Assembly, do issue this, my proclamation, calling upon and requesting the Senators and the members of the House of Representatives to convene in Columbia on the first Monday in November next ensuing, that they may be present in the House of Representatives, on the said first Wednesday in November, to appoint Electors of President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America, in conformity with the Act of the Confederate Congress aforesaid.

As the permanent Government is to be organized, an election will be required of two Senators from this State; and, also, in all probability, considering the peculiar state of the country, other important matters will be acted on at the same session of the Legislature.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the State aforesaid, at Columbia, this, the sixth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and in the eighty-sixth year of the Independence of the State of South Carolina.

F. W. PICKENS.

ISAAC H. MEANS, Secretary of State.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following letter from the Clerk, Mr. W. E. MARTIN :

CHARLESTON, November 4, 1861.

To the Honorable the President and Members of the Senate :

I have ventured to consider the extraordinary condition of our affairs on the coast, and the obligations upon me as the commander of a regiment raised especially for its defence, one-third of which is in camp, as sufficient to justify me in availing myself of leave of absence from the Senate, granted by the President. My duties will be performed by one familiar with them, and I am sure they will be well performed.

I received a letter from the Messenger of the Senate, Mr. A. D. GAILLARD, requesting me to ask leave of absence on account of his being in service, and his place being supplied by a competent substitute : and through the President of the Senate, I beg leave to do so.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

WM. E. MARTIN.

Leave of absence was granted to the Clerk and the Messenger.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, leave of absence was granted to Mr. FICKLING, the Senator from St. Luke's, during the extra session.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, informing that body that the Senate had met and was ready to proceed with the business of the General Assembly.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a Committee of two was appointed to inform his Excellency the Governor that the Senate had met, and was ready to proceed to business.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of the last day of the last session was dispensed with.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following letters, which, on motion of Mr. MAZYCK, were ordered to lie on the table :

Cole's Island, October 8, 1861.

To the HON. W. D. PORTER :

DEAR SIR : I hereby tender you my resignation as Senator from the Election District of St. Matthew's.

Very respectfully,

O. M. DANTZLER.

Cole's Island, September 11, 1861.

DEAR SIR: I hereby notify you that I hold a commission in the Confederate States Army, and my seat in the Senate is consequently vacated.

Very respectfully,

O. M. DANTZLER.

Hon. W. D. PORTER, Charleston.

Headquarters Hampton Legion, October 8, 1861.

Hon. W. D. PORTER, *President of the Senate*:

SIR: As my duties as an officer of the army may render it impossible for me to discharge those of State Senator, I beg to tender my resignation as Senator from Richland District.

I have the honor to be,

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

WADE HAMPTON.

On motion of Mr. HOPE, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee of One from each Congressional District be appointed, to nominate Electors of President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives proposing to that body the appointment of a similar Committee; and, also, that said election be held on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock, M.

The PRESIDENT, under the above resolution, appointed the following Committee:

Messrs. J. C. Hope, Charles Alston, Jr., S. W. Barker, J. Duncan Allen, T. Edwin Ware, and E. G. Palmer.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following resolution; which was made the Special Order for Tuesday, at half-past 12 o'clock:

Resolved, That a member of this House does not vacate his seat by accepting or exercising an office, with or without pay, in any body of volunteers for the military service of the State, or the Confederate States, not being a part of the regular army of the Confederate States.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee appointed to wait on the Governor, reported that his Excellency would communicate, in writing, to the Senate, at 1 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas, since the last session of the Senate, death, ever busy, and striking at shining marks, has called from the sphere of human existence, in the vigor of his energy and usefulness, the Hon. RICHARD I. MANNING, Senator from Clarendon; and whereas it is meet and proper that one so distinguished among his associates for the possession of every virtue that in life gave him a claim to the regard and admiration of his fellow-man, should be remembered in death, and receive from his survivors some manifestation of the high and distinguished estimate in which he was held, be it

Resolved, That the death of the late Richard I. Manning deeply impresses the Senate with the loss which it has sustained, and the void it has made in this body. A pure patriot; a sound statesman; a beloved husband, father, son and brother; one in every relation of life well worthy the example of us all, has been gathered to his fathers.

Resolved, That in token of our regard and admiration for him while living, and our grief for his death, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for the session.

Resolved, That in evidence of our condolence with his bereaved family, a copy of the foregoing Preamble and Resolutions be forwarded to them, and that this action of the Senate be published in the public prints.

On motion of the Mr. ALLEN, the Senate adjourned at 9 minutes before 8 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATORS:

Hon. H. D. Levesque,	St. Philip's and St. Michael's,
" F. J. Sessions,	Kingston,
" W. R. Johnson,	Marion,

Appeared in their seats in the Senate Chamber.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 4, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully begs leave to inform the Senate that, pursuant to the proclamation of his Excellency the Governor, they have met, and are ready to proceed with the business of the session of the General Assembly.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

At half-past 12 o'clock the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

SPECIAL ORDER,

The resolution of Mr. MAZYCK, respecting the vacating of seats of members by accepting military offices in the Confederate service.

The consideration was suspended, when Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, was read from the Clerk's desk.

MESSAGE NO. 1.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

You have been called together for the purpose of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of these Confederate States, which has to be done on the first Wednesday in this month.

In addition to this, I desire to call your attention to the present state of our military organization. From the pressing emergency of the war, so many troops have been called into active service that the remainder of our population, fit for military duty, is left in a state of comparative disorganization.

Under the late Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, volunteer regiments were formed out of the old militia battalions, and, in many parts of the State the officers of beat companies, battalions, and regiments, have entered the new volunteer organizations, and have been mustered into Confederate service.

Under this Act of eighteen hundred and sixty, eleven full regiments have been formed for twelve months. The Convention also raised one regiment for six months. Under Confederate authority, a full and most efficient legion has, likewise, been mustered into service. Under special requisition from the President of the Confederate States, two regiments were raised for and during the war. Eleven of these regiments are now in Virginia (one other having served its time and been disbanded), and three on our own sea-coast—in all, fifteen. I have, also, recently mustered into Confederate service, by special requisition from the President, four more

full regiments, for and during the war, with four cavalry and two light artillery companies. We have, moreover, a regiment of infantry and a battalion of regular enlisted forces. These will make an aggregate of something more than nineteen thousand men now in actual service. Besides this, I have the troops of the city of Charleston, with a force of more than three thousand effective men, placed on a war footing, and held as a reserve, armed and equipped, ready for any emergency. We have, in addition, twenty-one companies of cavalry and mounted men in the sea-coast Parishes of Charleston, Beaufort, Colleton, and Georgetown, held ready for immediate service. These were first raised under special resolutions of the Convention, and are limited to ten days after the adjournment of the regular session of the Legislature. I suggest that you make the organization more permanent.

I authorized an independent brigade in the eastern Districts, towards the coast, of guerilla formation, furnishing their own arms, and prepared to act in the most efficient manner, and well acquainted with the peculiar conformation of that portion of the country. This was set on foot by an experienced and energetic officer, and will embrace, perhaps, some three thousand men. I recommend it to your early attention, and think it might be confirmed as a legal organization, at least for and during the war. The country is peculiar, and requires a native local force of that kind to give efficiency to its defence, and this is on a plan least expensive to the State. These remarks are also applicable to the twenty-one mounted companies of the sea-coast.

I recommend that there be immediately a new military organization throughout the State, and I suppose that new regimental lines will have to be made in parts of the country. I would urge that all field officers be appointed by the Legislature, or by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

The Fourth Brigade of the Second Division might properly remain as it is, as far as Charleston is concerned. Their organization has not been so much deranged by their officers and men volunteering, and being mustered into new and other service.

It is essential that the Legislature shall take this whole matter up as soon as possible, and give efficiency and stability to a general system, calculated to bring all the reserves of the State into immediate organization.

There is great pressure upon our resources at present; but, if possible, I would recommend that the State should raise, arm and equip, two regiments, with four cavalry companies, and two companies of light artillery, exclusively for State purposes. I would suggest that the selection of all officers for the same, at least as high as second lieutenants, inclusive, shall

be confined to graduates of our State Military Academy. If these two State regiments are raised, four hundred thousand dollars will be required to arm and sustain them, unless there should be no necessity to call them into active field service.

It is of great importance that our regular enlisted troops shall be reënlisted for the war. They are now only for twelve months, and we cannot dispense with their important services in our coast garrisons. Besides, the experience of their thorough-bred officers is invaluable, and ought to be secured permanently. True, they have been received into Confederate service, but to reënlist the men will require bounties, and the Confederate Government may not provide for it in time. I therefore recommend that ample provision be made, in advance, for this.

Most of our volunteer regiments, now in Virginia, are only for twelve months, and I suggest that provision be made to secure, if possible, their continuance in service for three years, or for the war. The brave and gallant manner in which they have served the country, together with the experience of their able officers, makes it of the highest importance that you should adopt some system to secure the certain continuance of their services, in advance, before their time expires.

The Confederate Government has imposed a direct tax of fifty cents upon every hundred dollars' worth of certain property, specified in the Act, to be assessed at its "actual marketable value." Those who own such property, amounting to less than five hundred dollars, are exempt from this tax, and this will exempt a large amount in the aggregate. They have, also, allowed each State, if it thinks proper, to pay its own quota, as a State. By so doing, ten per cent. is to be deducted.

I recommend that the State provide for the payment of the same, and that one-half of it be paid by taxes imposed for that purpose, and that the other half be raised by State bonds or stocks, to be issued upon such terms as your wisdom may suggest. By thus dividing the amount, it will enable our citizens to pay the other half, and the bonds will be a relief, under present pressure, to that extent.

I call your attention to this now, because the assessment will have to be made in a short time, and it requires your immediate attention, although, if the State assumes the payment, it is not actually to be made until April.

The Legislature passed some appropriations to meet the exigencies of a war that, at the time, many did not anticipate would be so extensive as it has turned out to be.

I have been able to sustain the State, through a period of great difficulty, and under extraordinary demands for expenditures, such as have never been experienced before, and yet I have not gone, in amount, beyond what was

strictly allowed. If we had received back the expenditures we have incurred in the common cause, and which the Confederate Congress provided for by an Act of great liberality, passed expressly for our benefit, I should now be able to present you with a balance.

The cash expenditures, through the Treasury Department, are one million eight hundred and eighty-nine thousand three hundred and seventy-one dollars and seventeen cents (\$1,889,371 17). For advances made, I have had accounts and vouchers presented, and the State has been refunded, from the Confederate Government, six hundred and eighty-six thousand seven hundred and seventy-four dollars (\$686,774). This would leave one million two hundred and two thousand five hundred and ninety-seven dollars and seventy-one cents (\$1,202,597 71). This does not include that portion of small arms and ordnance which the State had purchased and provided herself with some years since. As yet, we have furnished all the troops that have been raised, and sent out of the State, or in service in the State, with our own arms. I have made no estimate or charge for these arms, furnished for Confederate service. Accounts and vouchers for advances made to the Confederate Government have been presented, but they are not yet audited. I have every reason to believe they will be as soon as the Government shall be relieved from the great pressure as to more immediate and important business.

The Legislature provided, as one of the means to meet the appropriations, the issue of bonds at seven per cent., limited in amount to six hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars. Of this only three hundred and seventy-five thousand have been issued. They also authorized bonds to be issued to provide for the sea-coast police, to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. These have not been issued, either. This would leave four hundred and fifty thousand dollars of bonds authorized but not issued. I recommend that this amount be immediately changed into stocks, to be issued and sold in such form as to suit purchasers, and upon such terms as to insure available means as soon as possible. The Bank of the State has acted promptly and patriotically in making advances to the State, and these advances ought to be secured in some tangible form.

I have necessarily directed some expenditures, under the peculiar circumstances, for which there was no express authority by law, but which I trust you will sanction.

After the excessive suffering of our brave troops in Virginia, I directed, on the eighth of August last, twenty thousand dollars to be deposited in a bank in Richmond, for the relief of the sick and wounded. I also put into the hands of the colonels of the two first regiments I sent to Virginia, two thousand dollars each, for any extra necessities that might be required for their regiments.

I also deposited in the hands of the Quartermaster of General Bonham's staff five thousand dollars, for immediate wants. I was called on, under sudden and extraordinary circumstances, to send troops to Virginia, and, as there was then no general organization of any kind, I thought it right that those whom I sent out of the State should not suffer for anything. I also sent on twenty thousand dollars to pay our first regiment of volunteers, in Richmond. In all these matters, I trust to receive your direct sanction.

I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, which will give you all details in full, and in such a lucid form as may be easily understood.

I take this occasion to recommend that you abolish the Treasuries of the Upper and Lower Divisions, making one Treasury and one office. This will simplify all State accounts very much, and enable you to give system to the whole. No local interests ought to be consulted in such an organization of our Treasury. This will require the action of two successive Legislatures.

I also urgently recommend that there shall be a change in your system of taxation. The artificial value given to lands below or above a certain line run through the State, originated in a condition of things, at the period of eighteen hundred and eight, which no longer exists. There ought to be a true and just valuation of land made, no matter where it may be located. The tax on what is denominated town property is liable to objection, and should be modified. The true system is, to raise as little as possible from active productive labor, and impose taxes upon accumulated capital and evidences of luxury.

In this State, the system has been, to raise far the larger portion from productive labor. If this were changed, and a wise system adopted, one-third more could be raised, and really be felt less. It would greatly increase the resources of the State, and at this period, when all taxes will be felt deeply, you cannot too soon devote your serious attention to this subject.

From the 20th of December last until the 9th of February, this State acted alone. She was entirely separate and independent. During this period we incurred heavy expenditures. In taking Castle Pinckney, Fort Moultrie, and the late United States Arsenal, we acquired large supplies of heavy ordnance, arms, and munitions of war. As we took the responsibility of acting alone, and of risking all, we were fairly entitled to all we acquired. For the heavy expenditures we thus incurred, up to the 8th of February, I have, as yet, presented no claim or account against the Confederate Government. Our Convention transferred, by ordinance, all these public works and forts, with their armament, and so forth, to the common Government. By every principle of public law, we are entitled to

the expenses incurred during that period, and I doubt not but, when presented, the claim will be recognized.

Circumstances placed us in the van in this march to independence. We claim no exclusive merit, but, under severe censure, and the most trying circumstances, we only endeavored to do our duty, faithfully and bravely. Events have since vindicated the wisdom and patriotism of our course, and I confidently appeal to the future, with the proud consciousness that posterity will exultingly point to every page of history, as tablets on whose marble surface shall be engraved the record of our honor unstained, and of our integrity without a blemish.

Soon after the 8th of February, the Confederate Provisional Government was formed, and, by the authority of our Convention, we yielded our separate and independent action, and assumed the obligations of the Confederate compact.

The regular constitutional Government, under that compact, is now to be inaugurated on the twenty-second day of February, and I respectfully recommend that you give it your loyal and faithful support, by all the constitutional means at your command.

The sea-coast police has been the cause of much interest and exertion in the first of the year, and I refer you to the report of the Secretary of the Interior for all the details in relation to its administration in the last few months. This will show the activity and care that has been exercised in that department. I submit that the funds deposited to the credit of that department be now appropriated to any branch of the public service you may deem proper. The jurisdiction now assumed by the Confederate Government may relieve us, before long, from any further duties in relation to that branch of public service, although we must, of course, be ready to aid and assist, by all means in our power, any efforts on the part of our common Government to protect our coast.

The Legislature authorized the issue of bonds, to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, for this special purpose. I did not use these bonds at all, except to hypothecate them with the President of the Bank of the State, as collateral, on account of advances made by the Bank. I in like manner used the power given me to direct the Bank to issue receivable paper, not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars.

The report of the Adjutant and Inspector General will give you accurate information of all matters pertaining to the military. This office has been one of great labor, requiring a high degree of bureau talent and information, at this peculiar juncture in our affairs. I think, in every respect, what he has done will be satisfactory.

The College has been seriously interrupted by the condition of affairs in the country, and the young men, who were full of patriotism and zeal,

could not be restrained from entering into active service. It is now, however, in full operation, with a very respectable number of students. I fondly hope that no circumstances will be allowed to interfere permanently with the exercises of this noble institution. I believe it is the only institution of the kind entirely endowed by the State, and managed by public authority, in the confederated States. There are, apparently, many objections to the peculiar organization of such an institution; but when we look to the practical results, and the large public benefit it confers, we must be constrained to yield all such objections. Through a public institution, controlled by the Government, we are enabled to educate our young men with high feelings of public devotion to the country, and bind them with stronger and more exclusive ties of first allegiance to the State. It is this institution which, by dispensing education equally through the commonwealth, has done more to make us a united and a loyal people, than any other single cause. Any State, with common judgment, can develop the wealth and physical resources of a people, but it is not every State that can produce an heroic and intellectual race of men. Public schools and literary institutions, nobly and generously endowed, where virtue, truth and patriotism are taught as the cardinal doctrines of life—without which life itself is not worth preserving—can alone produce a manly race and brave men as indigenous to the soil. A large State, with vast resources, may present to the world a teeming population, but this does not constitute a great State. A cultivated and intellectual people, whose public institutions train them to think boldly and freely, and who have the heroic daring to do their duty faithfully to themselves and the world, furnish all those qualities which command the admiration and respect of mankind. We should, therefore, spend freely on anything calculated to elevate the moral and intellectual culture of our people.

The Military Academy has, at this important period, furnished us young men of thorough military education and training, who have been of good service. The Cadets of the Citadel Academy, in Charleston, under immediate command of the scientific officer then at the head of that institution, were the first corps I directed to occupy a new battery on the channel, with positive orders to open the fire. At this battery, they nobly did their duty, in conjunction with the Vigilant Rifles, German Riflemen, and Zouave Cadets. On the 9th day of January last, they drew the lanyard of the very first cannon that was ever fired into a vessel bearing the flag of the old Union, and triumphantly drove her back, filled, as she was, with armed men to invade our soil, and sailing under special orders from the Lieutenant-General of the United States, marked by attendant circumstances of treachery and duplicity. It was this cannon which opened upon the "Star of the

West," that called a half-million of freemen to arms in this our second war of independence.

In several points of view, these Military Academies have fully vindicated the wisdom of those who founded them, and I now recommend that they be united into one institution, and that the appropriation be increased, so as to enlarge its usefulness.

When the institution is united, it should be located at the most suitable place. I would suggest that, perhaps, the most appropriate place for it would be Sullivan's Island. With this view, I would recommend that the State procure the retrocession of Fort Moultrie for the purpose of connecting it with the academy, to be used as a post for drill and exercise in heavy artillery and practical gunnery.

Since Fort Sumter has been put in complete order, with all the guns for the first time mounted, it entirely commands, not only the harbor of Charleston and its entrance, but Fort Moultrie, and therefore the possession of this latter fortress is not at all essential to the Confederate Government.

With the State Military Academy located on Sullivan's Island, Fort Moultrie could be kept in repair and thorough order by the cadets, and thus save an annual expense to the Confederate Government, and besides, it would add much to the practical knowledge of the cadets. No expense should deter us from placing this academy on the highest footing.

We ought to enlarge its usefulness, by admitting cadets from other States, except, of course, those who may be beneficiaries. By enlarging the capacity of this institution, we not only secure that science and training so essential in all modern warfare, but so absolutely necessary to give a small State the capacity to defend itself from the strong and powerful. In the present situation of our country, the State that gives her people the highest military education will be most deeply felt in all the struggles that must inevitably arise in the future.

I trust the Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb will continue to receive your bounty and care. The Lunatic Asylum, I hope, will ever remain a noble monument of your constant and munificent benevolence.

The issue of the six per cent. bonds, authorized to carry on the State House, was limited to their being sold at not less than ninety-five cents in the dollar. As the sale could not be effected at this rate, I gave notice to the superintendent to suspend all further work. He represented that some work was essential to preserve the fine quarry from injury by freshets, and it was done. Some work on the finer marble has also been continued—on an arrangement made by the superintendent with the Bank, and at the risk, I believe, of the contractors themselves. All other work has been suspended. It is a building fashioned on a very superior model, and will compare favorably, as to style, with almost any work, and the material is all of the best

kind. Although it has been commenced on a scale much beyond our limited means, yet everything ought to be immediately provided to preserve it from the weather at present. I suggest that it ought to be permanently covered, and this can be done now at a cost of about one hundred and thirty thousand dollars. The contractors would take the bonds ordered to be issued at six per cent., even if below the ninety-five cents, and receive them in payment. If so, it might be directed to the amount necessary to cover the building, provided the contract for the same should not be increased in amount to meet any depressed value of the bonds.

In eighteen hundred and fifty-four, seventeen thousand five hundred and fourteen dollars and ninety-five cents were received from the United States Government, as due South Carolina on account of distribution from sale of public lands. I recommend that it be passed to the credit of the Treasury, and appropriated. There are also one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, balance from an appropriation to the widows and orphans of the Palmetto Regiment. This should be immediately passed to the credit of the Treasury.

There are many of our citizens, and some of them of large fortunes, now residing out of the State. At this period, when the services, in some form, of every son of South Carolina may be absolutely necessary, I submit to you the propriety of calling them home, and it is for your wisdom to annex the conditions you may think proper to such a call.

It is a source of great satisfaction to me to draw your attention to the fact that all classes of our people, without exception, have been loyal and devoted to the State in this her day of trial, and amongst them I would particularly say that the free people of color have done their duty, also. At an important time last spring, when the whole of our population were intensely excited, from Columbia, and Charleston, and elsewhere, they formally offered their services to me, to act in any capacity in which they might serve their State. They were, in many instances, employed. I trust the day is far distant when this State will refuse to extend her guardian protection to this unfortunate and helpless class of our people.

There is a remnant of the Catawba Indians in our State, and I feel assured that they will receive your usual care and attention.

Many benevolent and kind citizens of our State have, with great energy and devotion to the sick and wounded of our soldiers in Virginia, established hospitals in their own way, which have been a great relief to our suffering men in a distant country. I recommend that every aid and facility, consistent with the public means, may be extended to them in their patriotic and Christian exertions. I have transmitted, through the Aid Society in Charleston, four thousand dollars to the St. Charles Hospital in Richmond, and trust it will meet your sanction. Whether anything like a State Hospital should be established there, as permanent, is for your judgment to

decide. I doubt the propriety of systematically interfering with the regular provision made for all such things by the common Government, and under strict army regulations. But in extraordinary vicissitudes of sickness, or after great battles, these establishments might be, as they have been, of incalculable service.

In addition to the difficulties that war always brings upon a country, we labor at this time under stringent pressure, from the sale of all productions for exportation being suspended. Our banks are banks both of discount and circulation, and practically, they hold the only circulating medium. They suspended the redemption of their bills issued. The Legislature legalized that suspension. Then, if their issues are contracted, and circulation withdrawn, the difficulty of paying debts and meeting taxation becomes greatly increased. It would seem that under such circumstances, where the Legislature have interposed to relieve the banks from the obligation to pay their notes, some course ought to be adopted, if consistent with safe precedent, to protect the people also from the temporary difficulties by which we are surrounded. All tampering, of any kind, with produce by Government, in any shape or form, is generally unwise and unjust. If anything of the kind is ever to be done, let it be done by the State Governments, rather than by the General or Confederate Government, for all power, not expressly granted, is reserved to the States. The exercise, by the Confederate Government, of any power not expressly granted, is not only without authority, but, on so vital a point, it is dangerous, as calculated, if habitually acted upon, to affect deeply the distribution of wealth, and the interests of productive labor. If anything is done, it should be done by the States, and I suggest that, perhaps, as we have a State institution, it might be used to advance on produce one-half of its value, upon receipts for the same being deposited, with a view to give a lien, to secure the amount advanced first, to the exclusion of all other claims. Public policy will require that you should continue to legalize the suspension of the banks. This continuation might be made upon certain conditions resting upon similar advances to be made from all the banks.

As our soldiers are nobly serving their country, and at a great distance from home, some stay of execution or levy upon their property should be directed by law. Everything of this kind must be done with great caution, so as not to be made a precedent. There is no power so dangerous, and generally so unjust, as for any Government to interfere, in the slightest degree, with contracts, and if ever done, it ought to be limited to absolute necessity. Integrity, faith, and stern justice are qualities more essential in Governments than even amongst individuals, because of their wide-spread influence.

On the 17th of December, the day after I was inaugurated, I sent a confidential agent to the President of the United States, demanding possession of Fort Sumter, upon conditions somewhat the same as those upon which I understood the United States Arsenal had been previously allowed to be placed under a State guard. One of my objects was, to ascertain, in the most authentic manner, the real intention of the President in relation to the occupation of the forts in our harbor, and to shape my own course accordingly. A copy of this letter, with accompanying explanations of the agent, I sent to Washington, together with a communication from a distinguished citizen, appointed, as I have since been informed, by my predecessor, to remain at Washington, as confidential representative of the State, are herewith transmitted, for your information of all details. The day on which my letter was presented to the President, I was telegraphed by high and responsible representatives from this State, to withdraw it, on account of an understanding, that had been recognized, that there should be no interference with the status of the forts in any way, until Commissioners from this State should be appointed to proceed to Washington, and represent the State fully on all points at issue, connected with the forts and public property.

On the 18th of December I went to Charleston, and immediately ordered a very responsible officer, with a detachment, to arm and equip a guard boat, with specific orders to prevent, if possible, any movement of troops from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, and if such a thing was attempted, to forbid it, and, if persevered in, to resist it by force, and then immediately to take Fort Sumter at all hazards. At that time there was but a small guard in this fortress, and it was in no condition for defence.

On the 20th of December, the President of the United States sent General Cushing, a distinguished citizen of Massachusetts, to me, with a letter, a copy of which is herewith transmitted. I had but a short interview with him, and told him I would return no reply to the President's letter, except to say, very candidly, that there was no hope for the Union, and that, as far as I was concerned, I intended to maintain the separate independence of South Carolina, and from this purpose, neither temptation nor danger should, for a moment, deter me. He said that he could not say what changes circumstances might produce, but when he left Washington, there was then no intention whatever to change the status of the forts in our harbor in any way.

Notwithstanding the distinct pledge of honorable faith, made previous to this, and then this renewal of it, the commandant of Fort Moultrie, on the night of the 26th of December, moved all his forces from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter, with his munitions of war, after first spiking the guns, cutting down the flag-staff, and burning the gun-carriages.

This fortress was the well known key to the harbor, and the move was intended to hold us in subjugation, and enable the garrison to be reinforced, with a view to hold the post permanently. This move was a violation of all manly faith, and could be looked upon in no other light than an open act of hostility. They still possessed Castle Pinckney, with guns bearing directly upon the city. This is a fortress originally intended to protect the inner harbor.

I immediately, on the morning after they had moved from Fort Moultrie, ordered select forces to take Castle Pinckney, at all hazards, and gave a similar order to occupy Sullivan's Island, and to proceed cautiously, after examination as to mines, and take Fort Moultrie. These orders were executed the same day.

I had, on the evening of the 20th of December, requested the Commissioner sent to our Convention from Alabama, to give the Governor of that State official notice that I intended to take the forts, if there was any attempt to change their status, and to request that he would act in like manner as to the forts in Mobile harbor. I made the same communication to the Commissioner from Mississippi, as to my intention, and I would have done the same to the representatives of any other sister State, if they had been here.

After I occupied these forts, I consulted engineers, and immediately commenced the batteries on the channel, to endeavor to prevent supplies or reinforcements, and also ordered a detachment to take possession of Fort Johnson, and prevent all communication from the garrison in Fort Sumter. Copies of the general orders, connected with all these movements, I herewith transmit for your information, with other papers, which will give the reasons by which I was influenced at the time.

On the 9th day of January, I ordered a plan to be agreed upon by our engineers, and reported to me, for the most certain and scientific mode of reducing the fortress, and upon that plan the batteries were erected which finally did reduce it. Copies of this plan, and the orders, are also transmitted.

I had issued orders to prevent, if possible, all reinforcements or supplies, and, if necessary, to fire on any vessel that might attempt to enter the harbor. On the 9th of January, a large vessel, bearing two hundred and fifty United States troops, with arms and supplies of all sorts, was fired into and driven back. A few days before this, a telegram from a member of the Cabinet at Washington was shown to me, asserting that no such vessel would be sent, and a great effort was made to induce me to suspend the order to fire. Major Anderson demanded a disavowal of the act, accompanied with a positive threat, that, if not disavowed by me, he would open fire upon any vessel with our flag in the harbor. I avowed the act: he retracted his

threat, and asked time to consult his Government. After his suggestion on that point, I sent to Washington our highest law officer in the State, a gentleman of eminent standing and worth, in order to act in the fairest and most liberal spirit. This correspondence has all been published, and shows the imbecility and duplicity by which our opponents conducted the issues then presented.

After President Lincoln was inaugurated, he sent, in the latter part of March, a confidential agent, Mr. Fox, who was introduced by a gallant officer of our navy. He said he desired to visit Fort Sumter, and that his objects were "entirely pacific." Upon the guarantee of the officer introducing him, Captain Hartstene, he was permitted to visit Major Anderson, in company with Captain Hartstene, expressly upon the pledge of "pacific purposes." Notwithstanding this, he actually reported a plan for the reinforcement of the garrison by force, which was adopted. Major Anderson protested against it. I enclose with this a copy of papers, to be used under your wise discretion, which will place these facts beyond controversy.

In a very few days after, another confidential agent, Colonel Lamont, was sent by the President, who informed me that he had come to try and arrange for the removal of the garrison, and, when he returned from the fort, asked if a war vessel could not be allowed to remove them. I replied, that no war vessel could be allowed to enter the harbor on any terms. He said he believed Major Anderson preferred an ordinary steamer, and I agreed that the garrison might be thus removed. He said he hoped to return in a very few days for that purpose. Then, on the 8th of April, Mr. Chew, an official in the State Department, was sent, in company with Lieutenant Talbot, and read to me a paper, which the President of the United States, he said, had directed him to read to me, in relation to sending in supplies to the fort. He gave me no information as to anything, but only read the paper, and said he was not even directed to ask my reply. I sent for General Beauregard, as the commanding General on the part of the Confederate Government, and had the paper again read in his presence. A copy of this paper is herewith transmitted. It bears upon its face an utter want of manliness and straight-forward conduct. I give this minute statement of facts, because they are deeply important to a thorough understanding of the true origin of this fierce and malignant war, which practically commenced in the capture of Fort Sumter, on the 13th of April last. Its effects will be deeply felt throughout the world, and it is due to our sister States that they shall know the part which we were forced to act in its origin.

Every step in the commencement of this terrible conflict has been marked by deception and duplicity on the part of our enemies. By so doing, they have inaugurated events well calculated to produce not only a

profound impression upon our own country, but upon the destiny of American civilization; and we have every reason to be deeply grateful, as a Christian people, to a superintending Providence, for the direction given, thus far, to these events. The whole rise and growth of these States of North America, has been the most rapid and gigantic ever before exhibited amongst the nations of the earth. Under institutions the most popular and captivating to the enthusiastic mind, we had made such developement of strength and power, in little more than three-quarters of century, as seemed to overshadow most modern governments.

In theory, the distribution of all power appeared to rest upon principles of equality and justice; and if the Government had been honestly and wisely administered, it was the noblest system ever created for rational men. But man was, as he ever has been, selfish and ambitious, and, under the guide of those passions, the whole system became thoroughly perverted from its original designs.

It was a Confederated Republic, with powers expressly granted by States, and defined under a limited compact or constitution, and never was, in any sense, a simple democracy, with a majority of people to govern. It was this profound fallacy as to a democracy, originated by designing demagogues or superficial thinkers, which, within the last thirty years, radically changed the whole nature of the Government.

In the Northern States, they had no division of classes or castes that were openly acknowledged as the fundamental law of society, and, as a natural consequence, the only division was between capitalists and laborers. The former, to act more efficiently in the struggle for ascendancy, became organized under the style and title of corporations, in every shape and form, from the smallest to the highest matters. This was done in order to give associated wealth more and more absolute power over labor. This was their political slavery. After they had thus mastered the labor of the North, they engaged in a struggle to master the Federal Government, and, through it, to make the labor of the South also tributary to their power and wealth. To bring their numbers to bear in a consolidated democracy, was essential to their designs. They then called in that fanatical element of their ignorant classes, through which the designing and the wary could make them subservient to their ultimate designs.

In the South, it was the reverse of this. There were ranks and there were castes acknowledged in the fundamental law of our society, and this was the division between master and slave.

The white race was a privileged race of rank and political power. It was not a division between capitalists and laborers, for here capitalists owned laborers, and were, therefore, interested in the profits of daily labor. In fact, they were themselves, to all intents and purposes, laborers as well as capi-

talists. Hence it was, we wanted no increase in the power of government over productive labor, nor did we need associated wealth, in the form of corporations, to subjugate the labor of the country, for we had, as individuals, all that power already.

Under such fundamental differences as these, the preservation of separate States in the form of a Republic, with a limited compact, was the very law of our existence, and the perversion to a simple democracy of mere numbers, was our political death. The most corrupt of all governments, if extensive enough to embrace different interests, is a simple democracy of numbers. It necessarily soon runs into practical anarchy, and thence into a military despotism, as protection from the horrors of anarchy. Now that the Northern States are forced to organize to themselves, this career, to them, is as certain as destiny itself, and is inherent in their very organization.

Under these circumstances, if we fail to grow wise from the lessons of experience, and allow any considerations to weaken the federative action of our system, and increase the tendency to a simple democracy of numbers, we, too, will soon sink into the same ruin, where an unrestrained military government will raise its strong and mighty structure, beneath whose shadow the very boundaries of the States will be lost and forgotten amid the scattered fragments of a broken and dismembered empire.

There is not the slightest danger of our being subjugated by the North. Those who conceived such an idea had but little knowledge as to the elements of real power. They are vastly defective in all those qualities necessary for effective military organization, particularly for purposes of invasion, while the institutions of the South train our people to individual self-reliance, and to police regulations with disciplined order. There are no agricultural people so essentially military in their early training as are the slave-holding race of the South.

Wherever slaves exist, with the distinctive marks of a separate race, it is a privilege and rank to be free. Under these circumstances, you may exterminate the dominant race, but you can never permanently subjugate it. When the lower strata of society is occupied by an inferior race, who make no pretension to political equality or power, the entire ruling race can be brought into active service for all purposes of defence, without drawing materially from the productive field labor necessary to afford support.

Although we have actually called into military service the largest force, in proportion to our population, known in modern times, yet the provision crops of all kinds, in these Confederate States, never were equalled by what has this year been garnered for our use. The reverse of this is the case in all States where there is no fundamental division of classes. Where all are theoretically equal, those who follow the lower pursuits of society

must be conciliated, and when they are pressed into large armies, they not only create a heavy expense to be supplied by capitalists, but they also leave a vacuum in productive labor that deranges the internal relations between capital and labor, and this is more deeply felt than even the direct expense for their support.

With us, to a great extent, every freeman's home is but a privileged castle, with armed men ready to go forth to the field for defence and for honor, while laborers on the soil remain, to gather and garner up the produce of the earth.

True, war is a great calamity, but if this war shall end, as there is every prospect that it will do, by making us not only politically independent of our most deadly enemies, but commercially independent also, and, at the same time, shall develope our own artisan skill and mechanical labor, so as to place us entirely beyond their subsidy hereafter, then, indeed, will it prove, in the end, a public blessing.

We will be left free to develope our own civilization, and show, where there is an inferior caste in society, and the higher and privileged race governs, that a constitutional republic of States may be established upon conservative principles identified with all the great ends of truth, justice and stability. But if we fail in this, then there is no hope for a government of States. The only advance, in substance, which we have made over the government of our English ancestors, was the substitution of the municipal government of States, representing permanent local interests and territory, instead of great landed proprietors and hereditary rulers. This government of States was destroyed by the Northern people, who, without the conservative division of castes, which we have, endeavored to make the government a simple democracy of numbers. This ended, as all such governments must inevitably end, in corruption, usurpation and revolution. As far as the Northern States are concerned, their Government is hopelessly gone, and if we fail, with all our conservative elements to save us, then, indeed, there will be no hope for an independent and free republic on this continent, and the public mind will despondingly turn to the stronger and more fixed forms of the old world.

In this point of view, I most respectfully urge that you increase the power and dignity of the State, through all her administrative officers, and adhere firmly to all the conservative principles of our Constitution.

Clouds and darkness may rest upon our beloved country, but if we are true to ourselves, and just to others, looking with confiding faith up to that Providence who presides over the destinies of men and of governments, we will surely triumph, and come out of our trials a wiser and a better people.

F. W. PICKENS.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Message, with accompanying documents, was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at a quarter before 12 o'clock, and the usual number of copies of the Message were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Special Order, pending which,

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the subject was postponed until to-morrow at half-past 10 o'clock, and the same was made the Special Order for that hour.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that on to-morrow, or on some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill authorizing the formation of a Battalion of Light Infantry in the 4th Brigade S. C. M., to be called the Washington Light Infantry.

Mr. BLAKENEY gave notice that on to-morrow, or on some subsequent day, he would ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend relief to Debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 4, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives begs leave respectfully to inform your honorable body that they concur in the following Resolution: "That a Committee of one from each Congressional District be appointed to nominate Electors of President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body the appointment of a similar Committee; and also that said election be held on Wednesday, 12 o'clock, M.;" and has appointed Messrs. Duryea, Cook, O'Bryan, Anderson, Blackwell, and Jones, a Committee to act with the Senate Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at 25 minutes to 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1861.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. E. C. WHALEY, the member elect from St. John's Colleton, appeared at the Clerk's desk, was qualified, and took his seat.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, so much of the resolution as requires the usual number of the Governor's Message to be printed, was stricken out, and it was ordered that two thousand copies of the Message, with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, be printed.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved, That the 14th Rule of the Senate be so altered as to entitle the Committee therein called the "Committee on Foreign Affairs," the "Committee on Confederate Relations."

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, so much of the Special Order as relates to the documents accompanying the Message of his Excellency the Governor, was discharged.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the documents accompanying the Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, except the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, be referred to a Special Committee of Three, and that they report those which in their judgment should be printed.

Under the above resolution, Messrs. Garlington, Moses, and Lesesne were appointed the Committee.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the resolution offered by him, respecting members vacating their seats who had joined the Confederate service, was referred to a Special Committee of Five, with leave to sit during the vacation, and to report at the next regular session.

Messrs. Mazyck, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Garlington, and Harrison, were appointed the Committee.

Mr. HOPE, from the Committee appointed to nominate Electors for President and Vice President, made a report :

The Joint Committees, appointed by both branches of the Legislature to nominate two Electors for the State at large, and one Elector for each Congressional District, to cast the vote of the State for President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America, ask leave to report the following nominations :

For the State at Large—HENRY C. YOUNG, WM. H. TRESCOTT.

For First Congressional District—R. F. W. ALSTON.

For Second Congressional District—DR. JOHN S. PALMER.

For Third Congressional District—J. DUNCAN ALLEN.

For Fourth Congressional District—JOHN C. HOPE.

For Fifth Congressional District—T. EDWIN WARE.

For Sixth Congressional District—FRANKLIN J. MOSES, Sr.

The following resolution was received from the House of Representatives :

Resolved, That in view of so many of the citizens of Horry District being in the service of the State, and of the Confederate States, it is inexpedient for any Court of General Sessions and Common Pleas to be holden in said District during the present Fall Term of said Court.

Which was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MAZYCK presented a petition from John Jenkins, contesting the seat of Mr. E. C. Whaley, which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections, with power to send for persons and papers, and to report at the next session.

Mr. LESESNE offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a writ of election issue to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of the late Senator from Clarendon, the Hon. Richard I. Manning, for his unexpired term, the election to take place on the twenty-first day of November, instant.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the following resolution was adopted, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That this General Assembly will adjourn, *sine die*, this day, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the following resolution was adopted, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the President of the Bank of the State of South Carolina be authorized and requested to advance fifty thousand dollars to the service of the State, and that the same be subject to the draft of the Governor.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 6, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution in relation to the advance by the Bank of the State, sent to this House for concurrence, by substituting for the words "Bank of the State," "the several Banks of the State," and for "fifty thousand dollars," "three hundred thousand dollars."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, leave was granted to amend, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which were passed, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

A Bill to incorporate the York Gas Light Company ;

A Bill to alter and amend the second section of "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to fish sluices on the Catawba and Wateree Rivers, and for other purposes ;"

A Bill to require the Circuit Judges to send up, with their reports to the Appeal Court, the notes of evidence taken on the trial.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to require the Commissioner in Equity and Ordinary for Sumter District to transfer to the Commissioner in Equity and Ordinary for Clarendon District all records in their offices pertaining to the latter District.

Which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, with leave to report at the next regular session.

Mr. ALLEN offered the following resolution, which, on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, was ordered to be on the table :

Resolved, That the Message of his Excellency, so far as it relates to raising three hundred thousand dollars, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, of each House, and so much as relates to a thorough re-organization of the militia, be referred to a Special Committee, to be appointed in both cases by joint action of both Houses, and that these Joint Committees be required to sit during the recess between this session and the

constitutional meeting of our General Assembly, and are hereby instructed to report at an early day in the first week of the approaching assemblage of the Legislature.

At 12 o'clock, M., the Senate proceeded to the House of Representatives, and joined that House in balloting for Electors for President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America.

Messrs. Alston and Appleby were appointed the Committee, on the part of the Senate, to count the ballots.

The Committee appointed to count the ballots for Electors for President and Vice President, made the following report:

The Committee appointed to count the votes for Electors of President and Vice President of the Confederate States of America, ask leave to report:

For Electors for the State at Large—

WM. H. TRESCOTT.....	106
H. C. YOUNG.....	111
W. D. PORTER.....	1
M. C. MORDECAI.....	1
First Congressional District—R. F. W. ALSTON.....	111
Second Congressional District—JOHN S. PALMER.....	111
Third Congressional District—J. D. ALLEN.....	113
Fourth Congressional District—JOHN C. HOPE.....	105
Fifth Congressional District—T. EDWIN WARE.....	116
Sixth Congressional District—F. J. MOSES.....	114

Also, for—

J. I. MIDDLETON.....	2
J. E. CAREW.....	2
A. P. ALDRICH.....	2
WM. FORT.....	3
A. C. GARLINGTON.....	2
W. S. LYLES.....	1

Message No. 2, from his Excellency the Governor, was read from the Clerk's desk:

MESSAGE NO. 2.

HEADQUARTERS, November 6, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I desire to say, distinctly, it is necessary that you shall provide, immediately, for available funds, to the amount, at least, of three hundred thousand dollars, in some shape or form.

I have recommended that you change the law, authorizing the issue of Bonds at seven per cent., to the issue of Stock, in such amounts as may suit purchasers. If this was done, it might be relief for the present. Perhaps, instead of this, a loan might be authorized, on certain conditions.

I consider it necessary to the safety of the State, under the circumstances by which we are surrounded, that you shall provide some plan by which I may be enabled, certainly, to secure the services of our regular enlisted Battalion of Artillery, for and during the war; and also of our regular enlisted Regiment of Infantry. The safety of our Coast Batteries may be endangered, unless some step is taken to secure this force in advance.

I also consider it absolutely necessary that you shall provide for the immediate organization of the Militia and the Reserve forces of the State. I earnestly call your immediate attention to these matters, and trust that no considerations will induce you to adjourn before you have put the State in condition to preserve her honor and faith, and to enable those in authority to place her military organization on the strongest footing.

In the midst of revolution and great changes, there are high duties devolving on the Legislature, that may be as important as any that may be required in the field.

F. W. PICKENS.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON two hundred copies were ordered to be printed.

At twenty-five minutes past 2 o'clock, the Senate took a recess until half-past 3.

RECESS.

At half-past 3 o'clock the PRESIDENT took the Chair, and the Senate resumed business.

The following resolution was received from the House of Representatives, and was ordered to lie on the table :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be authorized to appoint the field officers of any regiment or battalion that may be called into the service of the State, until the first of January.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolutions, which were agreed to, and leave was granted to report at the next session :

Resolved, That the Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, be referred as follows :

1. That so much thereof as relates to the Military Academy, the Militia, and the Military Organizations of the State, be referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

2. That so much as relates to Finances and Banks, to the Direct Tax of the Confederate Government, to the distribution of the sales of Public Lands, to the issue of Bonds and Stocks for military purposes, to Expenditures in behalf of Volunteers in Virginia, to the change in the system of Taxation, to the Appropriations on account of the Sea-Coast Police, and all other Expenditures for military purposes; to the Appropriations for the Widows and Orphans of the Palmetto Regiment, to the Catawba Indians, and to the Consolidation of the Offices of the Treasurer of the Upper and Lower Division, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

3. That so much as relates to the South Carolina College, be referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

4. That so much as relates to the Lunatic Asylum, the Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, and Expenditures made for Hospitals for sick and wounded Soldiers in Virginia, be referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

5. That so much as relates to the new State House, be referred to the Committee on the New State Capitol.

6. That so much as relates to the stay of Execution and Levy on the property of soldiers in the service of the country, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7. That so much as relates to the calling home of citizens of this State from abroad, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The following resolution was received from the House of Representatives :

Resolved, That a Joint Committee, consisting of three members of each branch of this General Assembly, be appointed, to confer with the Presidents and Directors of the Railroad companies within this State, as to the expediency and practicability of reducing their tariff of prices, during the existing war, on the transportation of provisions, munitions of war, and State troops, making a uniform tariff of rates throughout the State, and of affording additional facilities for the transportation of such articles and troops, and to recommend to this Legislature the enactment of such regula-

tions for the government of said roads during the existing war, as will be best suited to the exigencies of the times and the wants of the people.

That the said Committee have leave to report, by Bill or otherwise, as early as practicable, and to sit during the session.

That a message be sent to the Senate, asking their concurrence in the foregoing resolution, and the appointment of the Committee on their behalf.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, a message was sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to strike out the word "session," and insert "recess."

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 6, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs the Senate that leave is granted by the House that your honorable body amend the resolution in relation to the Committee to confer with the Presidents and Directors of the Railroad Companies, so as to allow them to sit during the recess of the Legislature.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate appointed Messrs. Mazyek, E. G. Palmer, and Cannon, the Committee, on their part.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution :

Resolved, That the presiding officer of each branch of the General Assembly do issue to the Clerks of their respective Houses a pay bill for the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars, and to each of the officers of each House, and Librarian, also the Clerks of the Solicitors, a pay bill for the same pay and mileage as are allowed to the members of the General Assembly ; the same to be compensation for the services of each of said officers during the present extra session.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to strike out the words "one hundred and twelve," and insert "fifty," before the word "dollars."

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 6, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives grants leave to the Senate to amend the resolution of the House, in relation to the pay of officers, by inserting the word "fifty," in lieu of "one hundred and twelve," and by inserting, after the word Librarian, the words "Clerks of the Solicitors."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The resolution, as amended, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The following resolutions were received from the House of Representatives :

Resolved, That the business of the present session be taken up at the regular session at the stage at which the same shall be left upon the adjournment, and that the Committees to whom the Messages of the Governor have been referred, have leave to sit during the recess.

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be authorized to use a sum of money, not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, to re-enlist the regular Battalion of Artillery now in our fortresses ; also, the regular Infantry, for three years, or during the war.

Which were agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution, which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the Governor, in the event of the invasion of the State, or if, in his judgment, the State shall be in imminent danger of invasion, before the meeting of this General Assembly, be authorized to call for companies of volunteers, and organize them into Battalions and Regiments, in such manner as in his judgment may be most expedient for the defence of the State.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 5, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives asks leave respectfully to inform your honorable body that they have elected Mr. J. H. Hudson Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, delivered orally by the Clerk, informing that body that the Senate had disposed of the business before it, and was now ready to adjourn the present session of the General Assembly, *sine die*.

A similar message was received from the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned, *sine die*, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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SENATE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1861.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the State of South Carolina, begun and holden at Columbia, the twenty-fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, being the fourth Monday in November, the day fixed by the Constitution for the meeting of the General Assembly—

At 7, P. M., pursuant to the order of the Senate, the Senators assembled in the Senate Chamber, in the Capitol, at Columbia.

The Hon. W. D. PORTER, Senator from St. Philip's and St. Michael's, and President of the Senate, took the Chair, and the roll having been called by the Clerk, the following Senators, from the following Election Districts, answered to their names, viz :

Hon. W. D. Porter, <i>President</i> ,	St. Philip's and St. Michael's.
“ J. Duncan Allen,	Barnwell.
“ M. T. Appleby,	St. George's, Dorchester.
“ S. W. Barker,	St. John's, Berkeley.
“ Robert Beaty,	Union.
“ A. Hamilton Boykin,	Kershaw.
“ Gabriel Cannon,	Spartanburg.
“ F. W. Fickling,	St. Luke's.
“ I. K. Furman,	St. Thomas' and St. Dennis'.
“ A. C. Garlington,	Newberry.
“ N. Heyward,	St. Bartholomew's.
“ John C. Hope,	Lexington.
“ Henry D. Lesesne,	St. Philip's and St. Michaels'.

Hon. A. Mazyek,	St. James', Santee.
" Samuel McAliley,	Chester.
" R. G. McCaw,	York.
" J. C. McKewn,	St. James', Goose Creek.
" F. J. Moses,	Sumter.
" E. G. Palmer,	Fairfield.
" S. W. Palmer,	St. Stephen's.
" Elam Sharpe,	Pickens.
" T. Edwin Ware,	Greenville.

A quorum not being present, the calling of the roll was discontinued.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at half-past 7 o'clock, to meet to-morrow at 12, M.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the reading of the Journal of the last day of the called session was dispensed with.

ADDITIONAL SENATORS.

The following Senators appeared in their seats in the Senate Chamber :

Hon. J. W. Blakeney,	Chesterfield.
" R. L. Hart,	Darlington.
" Charles Irby,	Marlboro'.
" F. J. Sessions,	Kingston.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, informing that House that the Senate had met, and a quorum of Senators being present, was ready to proceed to business.

Mr. MOSES also introduced the following resolution, which was considered immediately, and was agreed to :

Resolved, That a Committee of Two be appointed to wait upon the Governor, and inform his Excellency that the Senate has met, and is ready to receive any communication he may make.

Whereupon the PRESIDENT announced the following gentlemen of the Committee: Messrs. Moses and Boykin.

Hon. E. J. ARTHUR, Senator elect from Richland, then appeared at the Clerk's Desk and presented his certificates of election. The oaths were administered, and the Senator took his seat.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Kershaw District for the year 1861, which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of Mrs. Martha McGraw, widow of John McGraw, a pensioner of the State of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. GARLINGTON submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Newberry District, relative to the passage of a stay law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARE submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Abbeville District: so much of which as refers to the Confederate Tax was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and so much as refers to a stay law, to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee appointed to wait on his Excellency the Governor, reported that they had performed that duty, and that his Excellency would communicate to the Senate forthwith.

Message No. 1, from his Excellency the Governor, was read from the Clerk's desk.

MESSAGE NO. 1.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives:

It has been so short a time since I communicated to you my views on the general interests of the State, that I now most respectfully urge your immediate consideration of the measures which I then recommended.

The first measure of great importance is the thorough reorganization of all the reserve military forces of the State. Under the general resolution passed at your recent extra session, I have endeavored to raise battalions and regiments, by offering to commission the field officers if they mustered companies into immediate service, as the emergency was pressing. The Legislature adjourned soon after meeting, without doing anything more definite, and I acted, as I supposed, for the best. But I now desire your confirmation of the same, and urge that a general system be adopted by which to regulate my conduct hereafter. The old militia system has been entirely

deranged by the officers, in most instances, having accepted service in other organizations, and I recommend that field officers in all the regiments, and battalions of the State be forthwith appointed, in order to effect as speedy an organization as possible. I would except from this the fourth brigade of the second division, at least as far as the City of Charleston is concerned, because that portion of our militia has been preserved, and is now in a high state of drill and thorough organization.

Since your extra session, our State has been invaded by a powerful and thoroughly armed fleet, carrying the heaviest guns. The channel through which they entered is two miles and a half wide, and is the deepest on the Southern coast. In the earth-works that had been erected, they were resisted by brave and heroic men, but such batteries were not calculated to resist a bombardment of four hundred guns. They were constructed to turn marauding parties embracing a limited number of vessels.

To make the defence of such a harbor perfect, large floating batteries or gun-boats, bearing guns of the heaviest calibre, are essential. The region that the military possession of Port Royal gives the enemy control over, will embrace about six thousand negroes, and, perhaps, four thousand bales of cotton. Most of this will be burnt. A true and patriotic people will burn their productions and property rather than it shall fall into the hands of their infamous invaders. These islands are surrounded by arms of the sea, and were occupied by highly refined and intelligent proprietors. They are so various and detached that they are easily invaded by an enemy who have power on the ocean, but, as far as military position is involved, their possession brings the enemy but very little nearer to any permanent invasion of the State. Our sea-coast has been possessed, heretofore, by threatening foes in our first revolution, and then again in eighteen hundred and thirteen, and yet, notwithstanding we were much weaker than at present, the haughty and defiant spirit of our people repelled them from the interior, and there was not an hour or a moment, in our darkest days, when there was the slightest fear as to any permanent conquest of our State.

During the days of our first war for independence, South Carolina had to contend with a powerful foreign foe in front, and with fierce and terrible savage tribes from the rear, while, at the same time, she had the bloody and revengeful tory around the very hearth-stones of our homes, yet she never faltered in her onward and daring course. From her sea-coast to her mountains there is scarcely the distance of a Sabbath-day's journey from one battle-field to another, but where the bones of our ancestors now lie to mark out the *via sacra* along which their descendants may march again to independence. We are now a united people. From the highest to the lowest there is one universal, stern, fixed resolve, to make the State a vast

mausoleum for the bones of freemen, rather than hold it as an inheritance for living bondsmen.

The high-toned and intelligent people of our islands, who have been so deeply harassed, deserve our warmest sympathy, and I earnestly urge that everything shall be immediately done, within your proper jurisdiction, that can be, to give them all the aid possible. I recommend that in certain Districts or Parishes of the State, that may be designated, Provost Marshals shall be appointed, who will take command of the overseers on all plantations in the District or Parish, and organize a system of local police, with strict accountability. These Marshals should have power to administer oaths, and hold summary jurisdiction over all slaves and suspected persons who may be passing, without ostensible occupation or responsible papers; and, upon proper affidavits, all such should be committed to the military or civil authorities, whenever the Marshal may think it necessary. He should put himself in communication, also, with the commandant of the nearest military post, and might have authority to call on all such to aid him in his police supervision within his District or Parish. In most instances, the owners of slaves are in the ranks, defending the country, and they cannot, therefore, exercise the ordinary jurisdiction with their overseers. The duty of the Marshal should be to give that protection to slaves which is necessary, on account of the absence of their masters. In many portions of the country, all the Magistrates are also in the army, and the power to administer oaths and have summary jurisdiction is necessary.

The patrol system has likewise been deranged by the breaking up of the Beat Companies, and the proper organization of all overseers, under Provost Marshals, for specified districts of the country, would provide a substitute for the present. The Marshals may not be paid, but agents or assistants might be; and let the chiefs be selected from men of independence and long high standing. If any measure is to be adopted in relation to this matter, it ought to be done as soon as possible, for on the islands of our sea-coast there is, at present, much confusion, and great necessity for a strong police in some shape or form.

Our Nautical School, patronized by the State, has rendered active and useful service at various times, in our harbor and on the coast; and as we are now to build up a Navy in the South, their training and skill will be of great advantage. I assigned to them the Petrel, a vessel eminently suited to be made a School Ship. I hope this will meet with your approbation, and that the School will be particularly cared for under the management of its efficient superintendents. Papers, showing its efficiency, are herewith transmitted, for your information.

The authority given me by the Convention to appoint a Council, terminates with this session of the Legislature. I respectfully urge that, with

the complicated and increased business of this office, it is impossible for me to attend to all duties required of me. In this pressing emergency, for the present, I request that I may continue at least a Secretary of the Treasury, to superintend the management in the details of raising the funds and disbursing them, and also that I shall be allowed a special Secretary, to be in constant attendance, with a competent salary. The increased business and my constant engagements make these arrangements absolutely necessary.

At the recent extra session I was authorized to raise three hundred thousand dollars. The Banks very patriotically made the proper arrangement. But I urge upon you the adoption of measures to place our resources upon the most permanent and fixed basis. For the proper support of every thing connected with the military wants of the State, at least fifteen hundred thousand dollars will be required for the year. An estimate of details is herewith submitted for the examination of your committees at as early a moment as possible.

I also desire that you will provide some satisfactory arrangement to indemnify the Bank of the State for its advances. Connected with this subject, and a proper system of taxation, I most respectfully call your attention to the points urged in my recent Message at the extra session.

If the State assumes the payment of her quota of the Confederate War Tax, it will be for your wisdom to devise the ways and means. The provisions of that Act seem to require that it shall be done by the first of December. If the State assumes the payment, it will thereby save ten per cent. on the amount of our quota.

Justice requires that a stay of execution or levy should be directed by law on all debts that may be due by our patriotic troops in all branches of service. I earnestly call your attention again to this subject. If there is any pure and disinterested service to the country, rendered from patriotic devotion alone, it comes from the ranks of our loyal and true soldiers. Perhaps, for the present, all civil process ought to be suspended, even before judgment is obtained.

We should take the earliest steps to secure the manufacture of small arms, cannon and powder in our own State. We have iron in Spartanburg and York, peculiarly suited, by its adhesive qualities, for cannon. There are but two places in the whole country equal to it, one in New Jersey and one on the Cumberland River, in Tennessee. Many of our best cannon were cast there in eighteen hundred and fourteen, and I have recent information that induces me to believe the owners are prepared to cast them again. In eighteen hundred and fourteen there was a large rifle factory in Greenville District. There are now in Pickens District two powder-mills, operating only on a small scale, for want of material, and perhaps, proper encouragement. I hope there may be some steps taken to encourage all

these works, by authorizing liberal contracts, and by placing at my disposal such means as you may think advisable. The State should also give encouragement to raising and manufacturing wool enough for our necessary wants. The slopes and spurs of our mountain region are eminently suited for all these purposes, and the attention of our people cannot be turned too soon to the developement of all our internal and domestic resources. There are very few sections of country better suited to manufactures of all kinds than the rolling and upper part of this State.

Individuals are taught by reading and reflection, but a whole people are only taught by great events. Under a free Government, necessity or interest alone can force a country to develop its resources. Driven to assert our separate independence by wrongs and insults that no people could bear without degradation, we will find, in the progress of events, new channels of prosperity opened, and new sources of enterprise and industry discovered, which will make our country what Providence intended it to be—with its balmy climate—not only independent, but equal, in every particular, to the freest and bravest amongst the free and the brave of this earth.

These confederated States embrace an area equal to Europe, with rivers more vast and mighty, and with a mountain range, if not so high, yet the noblest and broadest that stretch through any country. The mineral resources of this range in coal, iron, copper, gold, and (if we embrace Missouri) lead, are such as of themselves alone make the basis of a powerful empire. Then, if we include the productions of cotton, rice, tobacco, sugar, wheat, and Indian corn, when fully developed, the imagination has never yet gone beyond the resources of these States, now rising, with giant proportions, to stand an equal amongst the nations of the world, after strangling the serpents that encircled the cradle of our infancy. For the arrogant and supercilious race of the North to wage a war for the permanent subjugation of such a country, and then their attempt to clothe ten millions of freemen in the livery of bondage, only shows that the gods first make mad those whom they intend to destroy. In the former ages of the world, the sabre, with brutal numbers, was the arbiter of empire; and the ferocity of Northern hordes overpowered and subjugated the more civilized and refined portions of the earth. But since the invention of artillery, with gun-powder, which gives a few the capacity to defend themselves against the many, no brave and united people have ever been conquered. If a foreign foe has ever conquered them, it has been by rivalships and divisions amongst themselves. It is only in this way that any free and brave people can ever be enslaved by invaders. Let every man, high and low, come to the altar of his country, and sacrifice upon it every unhallowed and selfish aspiration or thought, and, laying their hands upon that altar, swear allegiance to the country, and nothing but the country, and that it shall forever be free.

Let this be done, and the country is free, beyond the reach of any earthly power to thwart our destiny or balk our onward march to independence. The God of Battles will guide us. Let no man falter or doubt. The sword of the brave and the free will flash and gleam, as it has ever done, high in triumph over the perilous ridge of victory. We may have a dreary waste to serve our pilgrimage in, but the promised land is before us, and if we look with steadfast faith to a superintending Providence, our inheritance in it is as fixed and certain as the star of fate itself.

F. W. PICKENS.

Which was made the special order for to-morrow, at 12, M.

Mr. HOPE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Lexington District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MOSES presented a resolution as to the necessity and propriety of providing for the support of the families of volunteers in military service; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Claremont or Sumter District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. McCRAW presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for York District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury of York District, for Fall Term, 1861, relative to the amendment of the law in relation to Dogs and Sheep; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BEATY submitted so much of the presentment of the Grand Jury of Union District, for Fall Term, 1861, as relates to a stay law and the high prices demanded for provisions; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully informs your honorable body that a quorum of this House is present, and that they are now ready to proceed to business.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. LESESNE presented the account of McCarter & Dawson for the eleventh volume of Richardson's Equity Reports; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, praying that some provision be made for the payment of the interest past due on the bonds of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad Company, the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company, and the Laurens Railroad Company, guaranteed by the State; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The petition of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, for a continuance of aid; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The petition of McCarter & Dawson for an extension of time on their contract for the republication of the South Carolina Law and Equity Reports; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Laurens, on account of being on military duty.

Also, for the same reason, to the Clerk and Messenger of the Senate, upon their agreeing to supply their places with substitutes.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on

A Bill to require the Commissioner in Equity for Sumter District to transfer to the Commissioner in Equity and Ordinary for Clarendon District all records in their offices pertaining to the latter District; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Fairfield District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, announcing the following offices vacant:

Adjutant and Inspector General for the State;
 Register in Equity for Charleston District;
 Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Anderson District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Beaufort District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Barnwell District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Chesterfield District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Chester District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Darlington District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Clarendon District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Lancaster District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Marion District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Orangeburg District;
 Commissioner in Equity for Spartanburg District.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to unite with the Senate, at 1, P. M., on Wednesday, in a joint ballot for Master and Commissioners in Equity, and immediately thereafter, for Register of Mesne Conveyance, and immediately thereafter, for Register in Equity.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. BLAKENEY introduced

A Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sale; which received the first reading, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. ARTHUR presented a petition of Jacob Levin and others, praying a charter for the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Columbia; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The following messages were received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully asks the Senate to unite with this House, to-day, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in an election for Adjutant and Inspector General.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully asks the Senate to unite with that body, to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M., in balloting for the following officers, viz: Commissioners in Equity for Lancaster District, for Spartanburg District, Marion District, Darlington District, for Chesterfield, Clarendon, Barnwell, Chester, Anderson, Orangeburg and Beaufort Districts; also, for Master in Equity for Charleston, for Register in Equity and Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston District.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Which were ordered to *lie on the table*.

Mr. CHARLES IRBY gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide relief for the families of soldiers in service.

Mr. SHARPE presented the petition of Magistrate for Pickens District; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices; also,

The petition of J. Overton Lewis and others, relative to a Stay Law ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LESESNE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of Three be appointed to make arrangements for having the daily Sessions of the Senate opened with prayer by a Minister of Religion.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to, and the following gentlemen were appointed the Committee : Messrs. Lesesne, Cannon, and Sharpe.

Leave was granted by the Senate to Mr. SHARPE to withdraw from the files of the Treasury Office of the Upper Division the following contingent accounts, viz :

Account of Wm. Evatt, Constable.....	\$2 14
“ “ Elijah Deaton, Constable.....	15 00
“ “ L. Rogers, Magistrate.....	9 89
“ “ W. R. Durham, Constable.....	6 14
“ “ W. M. Turner, Constable.....	14 00
“ “ A. B. Bowden, Magistrate.....	18 93

The following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 26, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives concurs in the proposition of your body to go into an election to-morrow, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the following officers, viz : Master in Equity for Charleston District, Commissioners in Equity for Beaufort, Barnwell, Chesterfield, Chester, Darlington, Clarendon, Lancaster, Marion, Orangeburg and Spartanburg Districts, and immediately thereafter for Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston District, and immediately after the last named for Register in Equity for Charleston District.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Spartanburg District, for the year 1861 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at twenty-five minutes to 2 o'clock. P. M.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

In accordance with the resolution of the Senate, the session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Boyd.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Arthur is added to the following Committees :

The Committee on the Judiciary ;

The Committee on Military and Pensions ; and

The Committee on the New State House.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolutions, referring to Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor ; which were ordered for immediate consideration, and were agreed to :

Resolved, 1. That so much of the Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the reorganization of the Militia ; to sea-coast defences ; to the Nautical School ; to the manufacture of small arms, cannon and powder ; to the appointment of Provost Marshals, and to the patrol system and the organization of a local police, be referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

2. That so much as relates to the finances of the State ; the indemnification of the Bank of the State for its advances, and the Confederate War Tax, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

3. That so much as relates to the stay of executions and the suspension of civil process ; to the continuance in office of the member of the Executive Council to whom were assigned the duties of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the appointment of a special Secretary to the Governor, be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4. That so much as relates to the encouragement of wool growing in this State, be referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. GARLINGTON gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prevent forestalling and extortion in the sales of provisions and necessary articles of consumption, and to authorize their seizure for public use.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of Benjamin F. Landrum, in relation to a conditional grant of land in the District of Edgefield ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARE presented the return of the Board of Commissioners of Free Schools for Greenville District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HOPE offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That extortion in trade in the actual necessities of life is a proper subject upon which to legislate, and that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the necessity and expediency of taking some action to arrest the unreasonable speculations now prevailing, and that they report by Bill or otherwise.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BARNES presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Lancaster District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. BARNES also submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Lancaster District, Fall Term, 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McKEWN presented the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Georgetown District for the usual appropriation for the transient poor for 1861; also, account current of the Treasurer of the Commissioners of Poor for transient poor of Georgetown District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. LESESNE presented the memorial and petition of the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, praying leave to use, for other purposes pertaining to the Institution, a part of the fund appropriated by the State for enlarging the Museum; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. James', Santee, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Board of Visitors of the State Military Schools be, and they are hereby, requested and instructed to put at the disposal of General G. T. Beauregard, two Cadetships in the same, as to which the regulation that "no pupil shall be received who is a non-resident of the State" shall be dispensed with.

Which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the petition of A. W. Leland, to be refunded a tax illegally collected; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. ARTHUR also gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the Militia Laws of the State, so as to exempt Ministers of the Gospel from extraordinary militia duty, except in certain cases.

Mr. HEYWARD offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks to inquire and report as to the expediency of defraying, out of the Treasury, the expenses of citizens living on the sea-coast, not able to bear them themselves, in transporting their families and goods into the interior, in consequence of the invasion by the enemy.

Mr. GARLINGTON called for the following resolution, which he had presented at the called Session:

Resolved, That the 14th Rule of the Senate be so altered as to entitle the Committee therein called the "Committee on Foreign Affairs," the "Committee on Confederate Relations."

Which was adopted.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the petition of the Cheraw Bridge Company for a renewal of charter; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Lancaster, from and after to-day, until Thursday next.

At 1, P. M., pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, to ballot for Master in Equity for Charleston District, and Commissioners in Equity for Lancaster, Marion, Beaufort, Spartanburg, Darlington, Chesterfield, Clarendon, Barnwell, Chester, Anderson and Orangeburg Districts.

Messrs. Barker and Barnes were appointed the Committee on the part of Senate to count the ballots.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ALLEN introduced

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. IRBY introduced

A Bill to provide for the families of soldiers in service; which was read the first time, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. IRBY submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Marlborough District, Fall Term, 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. SESSIONS presented the Free School return for Kingston Parish, for the years 1860 and 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. LESESNE presented the memorial of the Sullivan's Island Steamboat Company, and others, citizens of the city of Charleston and Sullivan's Island, praying that their Ferry rights be not interfered with, especially by the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. ALLEN presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Barnwell District, for the years 1860 and 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers:

An Act to require the Circuit Judges to send, with their reports to the Appeal Court, the notes of evidence taken on the trial;

An Act to alter and amend the second section of an Act, entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to Fish Sluices on the Catawba and Wateree rivers, and for other purposes;"

An Act to incorporate the York Gas Light Company; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A resolution to excuse J. B. Perry, Engrossing Solicitor, from attendance during the session, which was ordered for immediate consideration, was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in balloting for Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston District.

Messrs. Beaty and Blakeney were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Chesterfield District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. BARKER, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Master in Equity for Charleston District, and certain Commissioners in Equity, submitted the following report:

The Committee to count the votes for Master in Equity in Charleston District, and certain Commissioners in Equity, report the following persons as duly elected to their respective offices:

James W. Gray, Master in Equity, Charleston District ;
James H. Witherspoon, Commissioner in Equity, Lancaster District ;
C. D. Evans, Commissioner in Equity, Marion District ;
R. J. Davant, Commissioner in Equity, Beaufort District ;
T. Stobo Farrow, Commissioner in Equity, Spartanburg District ;
B. W. Edwards, Commissioner in Equity, Darlington District ;
J. C. Craig, Commissioner in Equity, Chesterfield District ;
Theo. S. Coogler, Commissioner in Equity, Clarendon District ;
James Patterson, Commissioner in Equity, Barnwell District ;
Giles J. Patterson, Commissioner in Equity, Chester District ;
A. O. Norris, Commissioner in Equity, Anderson District ;
V. D. V. Jamison, Commissioner in Equity, Orangeburg District.

Whereupon the Chair declared the gentlemen named duly elected accordingly.

Pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in balloting for Register in Equity for Charleston District.

Messrs. Boyle and Cannon were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Mr. BLAKENEY, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Register of Mesne Conveyance for Charleston District, asked leave to report that Henry Treseott had received seventy-four votes, and there being no opposition, he was therefore declared by the Chair duly elected accordingly.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the General Orders of to-day were made the General Orders of the Calendar of to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McKEWN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to unite with the Senate at 1, P. M., on Thursday, in a ballot for Adjutant and Inspector General of the State.

Mr. LESESNE presented the account of Dr. T. R. Aldrich, for *post mortem* examination ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Senate adjourned at a quarter past 2, P. M.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Shand.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATOR :

Mr. S. J. MONTGOMERY, Senator from Williamsburg District, appeared in his place in the Senate Chamber.

Hon. John. L. Manning, Senator elect from Clarendon, then appeared at the Clerk's desk, and presented his certificates of election. The oaths were administered, and the Senator took his seat.

Mr. CANNON, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Register in Equity, asked leave to report, that Thomas J. Gantt had received all the votes cast.

He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT to be duly elected accordingly.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on a resolution authorizing the Board of Visitors of the State Military Academies to place two Cadetships at the disposal of Gen. Beauregard; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The PRESIDENT announced to the Senate that Mr. W. D. Martin had been appointed a substitute in the place of the Clerk.

Which appointment was confirmed by the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, announcing the fact accordingly.

The following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 27, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs your body that it concurs in the message of the Senate proposing to go into an election of Adjutant and Inspector General to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of Wm. Peronneau Finley, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Aiken Public School, praying an Act of incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the petition of Thos. W. Gantt and wife, praying to be refunded a double tax ; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the petition of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company, praying an extension of their charter ; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. MAZYCK also gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend the Charter of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company.

Mr. HEYWARD presented the Return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Bartholomew's Parish ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. FURMAN presented the account of Dr. R. J. Muirhead, for *post mortem* examination ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the account of Dr. T. J. Goodwyn, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances ; also,

The claim of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Senate Chamber for 1861 ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ARTHUR introduced

A Bill to amend the Militia Laws of this State, so as to exempt regular officiating Clergymen from extraordinary militia duty, except in certain cases ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. GARLINGTON gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to prescribe the manner of calling for volunteers, and to provide for their organization, and to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the militia of this State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same," ratified the seventeenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one.

Mr. HOPE offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerks of the Courts of the several Judicial Districts of this State be authorized and required to furnish a copy of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly, annually, hereafter, to each member of the Boards of Commissioners of Roads, of Free Schools, and of the Poor, in the respective Districts.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. E. G. PALMER gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize Trustees to invest funds in Bonds of the Confederate States.

Mr. McALILEY submitted the Annual Report of the Commissioner of the New State House, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the New State House, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. HARRISON presented the Return of the Board of Commissioners of Free Schools for Anderson District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The account of A. O. Norris & Co., for Public Printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. HARRISON also submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury for Anderson District, Spring Term, 1861:

So much of which as relates to the Poll Tax, was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; and

So much as relates to the practice of treating by Candidates for public favor, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Also, the presentment of the Grand Jury for Anderson District, Fall Term, 1861.

So much of which as relates to the recommendation of a Poll Tax, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; and

So much of which as relates to the passage of a Stay Law, during the existence of our present difficulties, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of sundry Magistrates and Constables of Charleston, praying interest on an amount due them by the State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The account of A. J. Burke, for printing Writs of Election for the Senate; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of John B. Fraser, G. W. Spence, and W. A. Skrine, praying an Act of Incorporation as a Masonic Association; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. WATSON presented the petition of James M. Richardson, praying that the name of James Madison Redman be changed to James Madison Richardson, and the right of legitimacy conferred on him; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also, .

The petition of D. Williams, to be refunded \$10 30, the amount due on jury ticket; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The petition of sundry persons, for the opening of a new road in Edgefield District; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. IRBY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Marlboro' District, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. SHARPE presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Pickens District; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HART presented the account of the Southern Confederation, for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The account of the Darlington Southerner, for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The petition of citizens of Darlington District, against the establishment of a new road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings; also,

The account of A. J. Rugg, for public printing; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to repeal the Usury Laws within the city of Charleston, was agreed to.

The petition of the mechanics and others, citizens of Cheraw, praying for the passage of a law prohibiting free negroes and persons of color from carrying on mechanical pursuits, and for other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to *lie on the table*.

The petition of citizens of Marion for—and of Williamsburg, against—fencing their lands in Lynch Creek Swamp, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report of a Committee on the Judiciary, on a resolution of the House, in relation to the printing of the Journal and Ordinances of the Convention, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to *lie on the table*.

A Bill to make the Surveyor General and his Deputies Magistrates *ex officio*, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the Waccamaw Light Artillery, received the first reading, and was ordered to be printed.

A Bill to alter the time of holding the election for Ordinary of Anderson District, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to incorporate the Palmetto Lyceum of Charleston, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the Commissioner of the Code, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to *lie on the table*.

At 1, P. M., pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Adjutant and Inspector General of the State.

Messrs. DeLoach and Fickling were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

A Bill to provide for the appointment and duties of officers connected with the customs, and for other purposes, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to *lie on the table*.

The report of the Committee of Privileges and Elections, on a resolution as to the right of voting in more than one election district at the same general election, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, passed over.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a Bill to require the Commissioners in Equity for Sumter District to transfer to the Commissioners in Equity and Ordinary for Clarendon District, all records in their offices pertaining to the latter District, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, ordered to *lie on the table*.

The General Orders, with the exception of the papers passed over, were disposed of.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to unite with the Senate at 1. P. M., in a joint ballot to fill the vacancy on the Bench of the Appeal Court, caused by the death of Hon. F. H. Wardlaw.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the message do lie on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by a division of the Senate, and the motion being lost, the message was sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on resolutions as to the right of voting in more than one election district at the same general election, was called for.

Mr. MAZYCK moved an adjournment of the Senate, which motion was lost.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on a resolution as to the right of voting in more than one election district at the same general election, was ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he would to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to Equalize the System of Taxation, by establishing a uniform "ad valorem" duty on all property recognized as such by the laws of this State.

Mr. DELOACH, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Adjutant and Inspector General, asked leave to report, that S. R. Gist had received a majority of all the votes cast.

He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at five minutes to 2, P. M.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Mullally.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATOR:

Hon. CHAS. ALSTON, Jr., Senator from All Saints', appeared in his place in the Senate Chamber.

The following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 28, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully informs the Senate that it concurs in the proposition to fill the vacancy in the Appeal Court, occasioned by the death of Hon. F. H. Wardlaw, by an election to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolutions, which were ordered for immediate consideration, were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

Resolved, That the General Assembly of South Carolina, in grateful recognition of the distinguished services of General G. T. Beauregard in the cause of Southern independence, hereby tender to him the privilege of sending two pupils, to be educated at the Military Schools of this State. And the Board of Visitors are hereby authorized and requested to receive the pupils appointed under this resolution, without reference to the rule that excludes non-residents of the State.

Resolved, That His Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate the foregoing resolution to General Beauregard.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the pay of the private soldiers in the service of the Confederate States should be increased to at least fifteen dollars per month.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be enclosed to the Representatives of South Carolina in the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States.

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. McALILEY presented the petition of J. L. Harris, executor, and others, praying payment of Coupons on Bonds on Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company guaranteed by the State; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow;

On the petition of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, for a continuance of aid;

On the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Georgetown District, for the usual appropriation for transient poor;

On the memorial and petition of the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, praying leave to use, for other purposes pertaining to the Institution, a part of the fund appropriated by the State for enlarging the Museum; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY also presented the following resolutions, in relation to destroying crops of cotton and rice :

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Legislature that those planters of the South who have destroyed their crops of cotton or rice, in preference to allowing them to fall into the hands of the invaders of our State, deserve the thanks and commendation of the community.

Resolved, further, That it is the opinion of this Legislature, that any of our planters of the South who permit their crops of cotton or rice to fall into the hands of the enemy, in preference to destroying the same, when in their power to do so, richly deserve the reprehension of their fellow-citizens, and should not be compensated by the Government for any losses so sustained.

Which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of F. D. Richardson, for a return of taxes improperly exacted; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration of the presentment of the Grand Jury of York District, for the Fall Term of 1861; and it was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of sundry Magistrates and Constables of Charleston District, praying interest on an amount due them by the State; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on

A Bill to alter the time of holding the election for Ordinary of Anderson District; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The report of the same Committee, on

A Bill to make the Surveyor General and his Deputies Magistrates *ex officio*.

The Bill was ordered to lie on the table, and the report was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MAZYCK gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to repeal the third section of an Act entitled "An Act for Regulating and Fixing the Salaries of Several Officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned," passed the 27th day of March, 1787; also,

A Bill to continue certain Military Commissions.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MAZYCK introduced

A Bill to extend the charter of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. WARE submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury of Greenville District, Fall Term, 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the

Mr. MANNING presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Clarendon District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The presentment of the Grand Jury of Clarendon District; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HEYWARD presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. Bartholomew's Parish, praying the passage of a Stay Law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FURMAN presented the memorial of Orange Lodge, No. 14, Ancient Free Masons, praying for an Act of Incorporation; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. ARTHUR gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to extend an Act entitled an Act to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act entitled "An Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes," ratified on the first day of December, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Mr. ARTHUR also presented the report of the Regents of the Lunatic Asylum, which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, and three hundred copies were ordered to be printed; also.

The report of the Judiciary Committee on so much of Message No. 1 of his Excellency the Governor as relates to the employment of a special private Secretary; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. E. G. PALMER introduced

A Bill to authorize Trustees to invest funds in Bonds of the Confederate States; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the Free School Returns of Laurens District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The Return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Newberry District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. HOPE presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of one from each Congressional District be appointed to nominate suitable persons for Directors of the Bank of the

State of South Carolina, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to appoint a similar Committee, to act jointly with the Committee of the Senate in making such nomination.

Which was considered immediately, and was agreed to.

Messrs. Hope, Hart, Furman, Appleby, Beaty and McCaw, were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking the appointment of a similar Committee.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate a communication from Mr. Richardson, accompanied by the 11th volume of the South Carolina Equity Reports; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Leave of absence, from and after to-day, was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Marion, on account of illness in his family.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., in accordance with orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that body in a ballot for Associate Judge of the Appeal Court.

Messrs. Furman and Garlington were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. GARLINGTON introduced

A Bill to prevent forestalling and extortion in the sales of provisions and necessary articles of consumption, and to authorize their seizure for public use; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Manning is added to the following Committees:

The Committee on the Military and Pensions;

The Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts;

The Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the petition of Dr. R. J. Muirhead, praying compensation for *post mortem* examination; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

A Bill to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the Waccamaw Light Artillery, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The General Order was disposed of.

Mr. E. G. PALMER offered the following resolutions; which were ordered for immediate consideration, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

Resolved, That this General Assembly has full confidence in the ability, integrity and patriotism of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, and in the wisdom and statesmanship of his administration.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the administration of President Davis be entitled to the earnest and vigorous support of the good people of this Commonwealth.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at a quarter to 2, P. M.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Breaker.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATOR:

Hon. E. C. WHALEY, Senator from St. John's, Colleton, appeared in his place in the Senate Chamber.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Whaley is added to the following Committees:

The Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements;

The Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts;

The Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the unfavorable report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

On the House resolution in relation to the increase of pay of soldiers; also,

The favorable report of the same Committee,

On the petition of Martha McGraw, praying arrearage of pension; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. CANNON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Spartanburg District, praying Legislative relief from the heartless extortion of speculators in the necessities of life ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The Committee on Roads and Buildings was discharged from the further consideration of the following papers :

A Bill to extend the charter of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company ;

The memorial of the Sullivan's Island Steamboat Company, and of the citizens of the City of Charleston and Sullivan's Island, praying that their ferry rights be not interfered with, especially by the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company ; and they were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. FURMAN, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Associate Judge of the Appeal Court, asked leave to report, that B. F. Dunkin had received a majority of all the votes cast.

He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Thomas W. Gantt and wife, praying to be refunded a double tax ;

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris, executor, and others, praying the payment of coupons of certain Bonds guaranteed by the State ;

On the petition of A. W. Leland, to be refunded a Tax illegally collected ; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Richland District, praying aid in the building of a new Court House ; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings ; also,

The accounts of E. R. Stokes, for binding done for the Legislature ; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances ; also,

The petitions of J. H. Thornwell and John B. Adger, praying to be refunded a tax illegally exacted of them ; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Leave was granted to the Senator from Abbeville to withdraw from the files of the Senate the petition of Thomas W. Gantt and wife, praying to be refunded a double tax ; and the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks on the same petition was ordered to *lie on the table*.

Mr. MOSES offered a resolution of inquiry as to legislation to afford aid by the Banks, by discounts on endorsed paper secured by lien on produce which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ARTHUR introduced

A Bill to extend an Act entitled "An Act to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act entitled 'An Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes,' ratified on the 21st day of December, in the year 1857, and for other purposes;" which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK gave notice that on Monday next he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to issue receivable Notes.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MAZYCK also introduced

A Bill to continue certain military commissions; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions; also,

A Bill to repeal the third section of an Act entitled "An Act for regulating and fixing the salaries of several officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned;" which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARE presented the petition of Dr. A. B. Crook, of Greenville, upon the subject of sheep and dogs; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. ALSTON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for All Saints' Parish, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. KELTT presented the counter petition of sundry citizens of Orangeburg District, against the opening of a new road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. MONTGOMERY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Williamsburg District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolutions:

Resolved, unanimously, That this General Assembly has full confidence in the ability, integrity, and patriotism of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, and in the wisdom and statesmanship of his administration.

Resolved, unanimously, That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the Administration of President Davis is entitled to the earnest and vigorous support of the good people of the Commonwealth.

Which were taken up for immediate consideration, and were ordered *to lie on the table*; also,

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the petition of a Committee of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, asking a continuance of the appropriation for the support of that Institution; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On so much of his Excellency the Governor's Message No. 1, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as refers to Banks and loans on Cotton; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that on Monday next, or on some subsequent day, he will ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry Charitable Society and Company.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Joint Committee to examine the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, to whom was referred the accounts of Dr. T. R. Aldrich, for a *post mortem* examination; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDER OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, was passed over.

The report of the same Committee,

On the petition of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, for a continuance of aid, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable report of the same Committee,

On the petition of the Commissioners of the Poor of Georgetown District for the usual appropriation for the transient poor, was agreed to.

The report of the same Committee,

On the memorial and petition of the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, praying leave to use, for other purposes pertaining to the Institution, a part of the fund appropriated by the State for enlarging the Museum, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The resolution in relation to destroying crops of cotton and rice, was passed over.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to alter the time of holding the election of Ordinary for Anderson District, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to make the Surveyor General and his deputies Magistrates *ex officio*, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The report of the same Committee,

On so much of the Message of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to the employment of a special Private Secretary, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the petition of Dr. R. J. Muirhead, praying compensation for *post mortem* examinations, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to unite with the Senate at 1 o'clock, P. M., on Tuesday next, in a joint ballot for one Senator for the Confederate States Congress.

Mr. MARSHALL moved to amend the message, by striking out the word *one*, and inserting *two*; which motion was lost.

The question then recurring upon the original motion, it was decided affirmatively, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Pickens, from Monday to Friday next, on account of engagement in military duties; also,

To the Senator from Newberry, from to-day until Tuesday next.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Senate Committee appointed to examine the Branch Bank of the State at Abbeville; which was agreed to.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, asked leave to report

That the office of Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit becomes vacant at this term of the Legislature.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes past 1, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Hort.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

ADDITIONAL SENATORS:

Hon. OLIN M. DANTZLER, from St. Matthew's; Hon. W. D. SIMPSON, from Laurens, appeared in their seats in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. S. W. PALMER presented the re'turn of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Stephen's Parish, for the year 1861.

Mr. BEATY presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Union District.

Mr. FURMAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Christ Church Parish, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the account of Dr. J. H. Boatwright, for *post mortem* examination; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; also,

The account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail; which was referred to the same Committee; also,

The petition of the City Council of Columbia, to be refunded money paid for the State; which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Mr. LESESNE presented the report of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company; also,

The Abstract of Transient Poor supported or relieved by the City Council of Charleston for the year 1860-'61; also,

Of expenditures on account of the poor; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESESNE also introduced

A Bill to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry Charitable Society and Company; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the resolution introduced by Mr. E. G. PALMER, relative to President Davis, in which it had concurred.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following messages :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Nov. 29, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs the Senate that it concurs in the message of the Senate, asking the House to appoint a Committee of one from each Congressional District in the State, to nominate suitable persons for Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, to act with a similar Committee appointed by the Senate ; and further informs your honorable body that the following persons have been appointed a Committee to act with the Committee appointed by the Senate : Messrs. Al^lrich, C. B. Sarvis, Simons Lucas, Jr., S. J. Craig, B. F. Bates, and John L. Miller.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 30, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs the Senate that the House concurs in the proposition of your body to go into an election for one Senator to represent the State in the Congress of the Confederate States, on Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Also, the following message, which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was concurred in :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 30, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully proposes to your body to unite with them on Tuesday next, at 1½ o'clock, P. M., in balloting for a second Confederate States Senator.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Also, the following resolutions, which were ordered for immediate consideration were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

1. *Resolved, unanimously*, That the thanks of this General Assembly are eminently due, and are hereby tendered, to Brigadier General N. G. Evans,

—a gallant son of South Carolina—for the brilliant and decisive victory won by the brave troops under his command at Leesburg.

2. *Resolved*, That the Governor be instructed to procure a gold medal, with suitable devices, and cause the same to be presented, in the name of the State of South Carolina, as a testimonial of the high appreciation, by his native State, of his gallant conduct and distinguished services upon that memorable occasion.

Also, the following preamble and resolutions, which were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

The battle of Manassas, which vindicated and sustained the character of our Southern people for valor, and of their leaders for military capacity, however glorious, in a national point of view, have been its results, has left some recollections upon which we of South Carolina cannot dwell without the most painful emotions.

Not the least mournful of these memories is that connected with the death of General BARNARD ELLIOTT BEE.

But the gloom of grief is even here relieved by the halo of glory which marked the close of his mortal career. The cypress wreath which Carolina weaves for her fallen son, is thickly interwoven with the laurel leaves of victory. He fell in the very hour of triumph, after having long held at bay five times as many of the enemy as he numbered in his own gallant command. His mortal wound brought with it, to his noble mind, no despondent thoughts, and having spent the day of life gallantly as a soldier, he met his night of death, if not with welcome—for he had every motive to live—at least with noble resignation, and exclaimed, almost with his last breath, that he died happily, inasmuch as he died in the arms of victory. It was a noble sentiment—the sentiment of a patriot and hero, who merged self in his country—of a soldier, to whom honor was dearer and more cherished than life.

General BEE was a native of South Carolina, and having received his military education at West Point, was commissioned in the army of the late United States. During the war with Mexico, where he first fleshed his maiden sword, he was twice breveted for his gallantry, and at its close, was presented by the Legislature of this State with a sword, as a token of the high appreciation entertained of his meritorious conduct.

When our people were driven, by unconstitutional interference with their chartered rights, and by the threatened overthrow and desolation of their institutions and homes, to take up arms in defence of all that was dear to them, he was not slow to show himself a true son of a true mother, and, having united his destinies with those of his native State, he received a commission in her army, and went forth valiantly to do battle in her behalf.

His first and his last blow was struck on the bloody plains of Manassas—that Marathon of the South—where brave hearts and strong hands were enabled to stay the onward progress of a hostile army, and where the successful resistance of Southern troops to a horde of Northern vandals and mercenaries, brought with it not only a glorious victory for the present, but a prestige of victory for all time to come.

When, in the very thickest of the fight, he exclaimed to his devoted troops, "There, men, stands General Jackson, like a stone wall," (whence the brigade of that heroic Virginian has since received the appellation of the "Stone Wall Brigade") he expressed, in reference to one portion of our army, what might well be said of the whole; for against the impetuosity of an enemy flushed with the false hope a speedy triumph to be derived from superior numbers and all the advantages of well trained and perfectly equipped troops, the soldiers of the South stood between the incursions of their oppressors and their native soil like a wall of adamant, which could only be penetrated by its entire demolition.

Here it was, in the defence of this important position, that our gallant countryman fell—fell for Carolina, which he loved so well—fell at the very moment when, though his life might have been the most useful to his country, his death was most glorious to himself.

Carolina, who has educated her sons in the intensest filial devotion to herself, and who has taught them in every struggle to know her, and her alone, to do and to die for her cause, and to give to her, in no stinted measure, their first and their last love—Carolina, thus loved, and thus loving, while ready to exclaim, with the patriot of old, that when she sent her sons to battle she knew that they were mortal, cannot and will never forget to give them, if they live, the meed of a brave mother's applause, and if they die, the tribute of a gentle mother's gratitude.

Resolved, unanimously, That the Legislature of South Carolina has learned with the deepest emotions of regret, the annunciation of the death of General BARNARD ELLIOTT BEE, who fell on the 21st day of July, 1861, at the battle of Manassas, but that their sorrow for his loss is tempered with their gratulation that he fell after the display of heroism and daring almost unexampled, as should a brave soldier and noble spirit in the service of his country on the field of battle and in the hour of victory.

Resolved, unanimously, That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be transmitted, by the Clerks of the respective Houses, to the widow of the deceased, as evidence of the deep regard and admiration of the State of South Carolina for the lamented and distinguished dead.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. George's, Dorchester, for the year 1861 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy ; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. FICKLING presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Hon. Alexander Mazyek, and the Hon. H. D. Lesesne, be added to the Committee on Privileges and Elections of the Senate.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to.

Mr. MARSHALL gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers who are now in, or may hereafter be in, the service of their country, against vexatious lawsuits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support.

Mr. ALSTON presented the following resolution ; which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions :

Resolved, That the Governor be authorized and empowered to accept the services of the Pee Dee Legion—a volunteer corps raised within the limits of the 4th Military Division—for the defence of the State against invasion, and to organize and equip the same in accordance with the provisions of an Act ratified the 17th day of December, 1860, entitled “ An Act to provide an Armed Military Force : ” *Provided*, That the said Legion shall consist of at least two full Regiments of Infantry, four Troops of Cavalry, and two Batteries of Field Artillery, of four guns each ; the Cavalry and Artillery each to constitute a Battalion, and to be commanded by a Major : *Provided*, also, that the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates comprising said Legion signify their readiness to muster into the service of the Confederate States for the defence of the State of South Carolina, under the provision of an Act of Congress passed at Richmond, on the 21st day of August, 1861, entitled “ An Act to provide for local defence and special service.”

Mr. FICKLING gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide for the appropriation of money for the support of Free Schools in Districts and Parishes which have made no returns, under certain restrictions.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion :

Resolved, That the drafts of Commissioners of Free Schools, who may not have made returns to the Legislature during the present session, shall be paid by the Treasurer, notwithstanding such default: *Provided*, Such returns shall be rendered to the Comptroller General at any time before the first day of July next.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MAZYCK introduced

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to issue receivable notes ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the House resolution in relation to the increase of pay of soldiers, was agreed to.

The report of the same Committee, on the petition of Martha McGraw, praying arrearages of pension, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris, Executor, and others, praying payment of coupons of certain bonds guaranteed by the State ; also,

On the petition of A. W. Leland, to be refunded a tax illegally collected, were passed over.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. T. R. Aldrich, was agreed to ; and

The Senate granted leave to Mr. LESESNE to withdraw the account.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad ; also,

The resolution in relation to destroying crops of cotton and rice, was passed over.

The General Orders, with the exception of the papers passed over, were disposed of.

Mr. LESESNE moved that the report of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company be printed, and referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, which was agreed to.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of McCarter and Dawson, for 62 copies of the 11th volume of Richardson's Equity Reports.

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Senate Chamber in 1861.

On the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for public printing.

On the account of A. J. Burke, for printing Writs of Election for the Senate; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. SESSIONS, the Senate adjourned at 1, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Martin.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

ADDITIONAL SENATORS:

Hon. W. IZARD BULL, Senator from St. Andrew's, and Hon. THOS. M. WAGNER, Senator from Christ Church, appeared in their places in the Senate Chamber.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to alter the time of holding the election for Ordinary of Anderson District; which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass, that the title thereof be changed, that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate

A resolution relating to the payment of postage; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives; also,

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for printing; also,

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Representatives Hall in 1861; also,

On the accounts of Dr. John G. Williams, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic; also,

On the account of Dr. John Lake, for services in the examination of a pauper lunatic; also,

On the account of Dr. Jno. G. Williams, for services rendered in the examination of Henry Goleman, a pauper lunatic; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The report of the Committee of Roads, Bridges and Ferries,

On the petition of the citizens of York District, praying for a new road from Joseph McCosh's residence to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River; also,

On the petition of Elijah Timmerman, praying damages for a new road run through his land, and report of Commissioners thereon; also,

On the claim of J. R. Todd, for damages to land by running a new road; which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, in relation to the non-payment of interest on bonds issued by certain Railroad Companies, under the guarantee of the State; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The report of the Committee on Claims.

On the account of E. J. McDaniel, proprietor of the Chester Standard, for advertising;

On the account of the Commissioners appointed to assess the value of lands in Pickens District, of Andrew Wilson and John Swafford, taken for public use;

On the account of the Charleston Courier, for public printing;

On the account of A. J. Burke, for printing writs of election;

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for binding;

Which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOSES presented a resolution that, for the remainder of the session, the Committees of both Houses on the Military should act as a Joint Committee in all matters touching the Military and State Defences; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to authorize Trustees to invest funds in Bonds of the Confederate States; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On various presentments and petitions in relation to stay of sales under legal process; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and the Bill and report were ordered to be printed.

Mr. HOPE presented the report of the Special Joint Committee to nominate a President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina; which was ordered to be printed, as follows:

The Special Joint Committee, to whom it was referred to nominate suitable persons for President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, ask leave to report, that they have made the following nominations:

For President:

CHARLES M. FURMAN.

For Directors:

1. CHARLES J. COLCOCK,
2. A. E. DOTTERER,
3. E. W. MARSHALL,
4. P. C. GAILLARD.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. GARLINGTON introduced

A Bill to prescribe the manner of calling for Volunteers, and to provide for their organization, and to alter and amend the Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the Militia of this State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions, and was ordered to be printed.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to continue certain Military Commissions, was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to issue receivable notes; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. CANNON presented the petition of Dr. R. E. Cleveland, for medical services rendered the State; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the communication of J. S. G. Richardson, Esq., with the 11th volume of his Equity Reports; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. SIMPSON presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry Charitable Society and Company ; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to incorporate the Palmetto Lyceum of Charleston ; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Vestry of St. James', Goose Creek, on the Ludlam School Fund ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. WATSON presented the return of Free Schools for Edgefield District, for 1861 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. WHALEY presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, to inquire and report what measures are necessary in relation to the taxes of those citizens of the State who are exiles from their homes, and whose property is partially or entirely in the possession of our enemies.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and agreed to.

Mr. WARE presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of one member from each Congressional District, be appointed by the President of the Senate, to nominate suitable persons for Trustees of the South Carolina College, and that a message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to appoint a similar Committee, to co-operate with the Committee of the Senate.

Which was agreed to, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, asked leave to report that the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College is vacant ; also,

That the office of Register in Equity for Charleston District is vacant, on account of the death of the late Thomas J. Gantt.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the report of the Military Committee, in relation to the appointment of Provost Marshals, was ordered to be printed.

Mr. LESESNE presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. Philip's and St. Michael's ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. McKEWN, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to unite with the Senate in a ballot for

Register in Equity for Charleston District, at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message ; which was ordered to *lie on the table*.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks the Senate to unite with that body to-morrow, at 1½ o'clock, P. M., in balloting for the office of Register in Equity for Charleston District.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message ; which was concurred on :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks the Senate to unite with that body on Wednesday next, at 1½ o'clock, P. M., in balloting for the office of Comptroller General.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, requesting that body to postpone the ballot for second Confederate States Senator until 2 o'clock.

Mr. ALSTON presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the action of his Excellency the Governor, in the organization of the Pee Dee Legion, meets with the sanction and approval of this General Assembly.

Which was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

The PRESIDENT announced the following gentlemen as the Committee to nominate suitable persons for Trustees of the South Carolina College : Messrs. Ware, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Heyward, Watson, and McCaw.

At 1 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that body in a ballot for one Confederate States Senator.

Messrs. Harrison and Hart were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to amend an Act entitled An Act to provide a patrol and military guard for the city of Charleston, and for other purposes ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. FICKLING introduced

A Bill to suspend the ninth section of an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three ;" which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives concurs in the message of your body, fixing the time of balloting for a second Confederate States Senator at 2 o'clock, P. M., to-day, instead of 1½ o'clock, P. M., as formerly agreed upon.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate then proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris, Executor, and others, praying payment of coupons of certain bonds guaranteed by the State ; also,

On the petition of A. W. Leland, to be refunded a tax illegally collected ; also,

On a Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad ; were passed over.

The General Orders were suspended.

Mr. HARRISON, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Confederate States Senator, asked leave to report that, 66 votes being necessary for a choice and no one of the candidates having received that number, there was, consequently, no election.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks the Senate to rescind the message fixing 2 o'clock, P. M., to-day, for a ballot for a second Confederate

States Senator, and to unite with the House in a joint ballot for two Confederate States Senators at the hour aforesaid,

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Which was ordered to *lie on the table*.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and again joined that body in a second ballot for Confederate States Senator.

Messrs. Heyward and Hope were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The General Orders were resumed.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. McAliley to withdraw the resolutions in relation to destroying crops of cotton and rice.

The General Orders were again suspended.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following messages of concurrence :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives concurs in the resolution of the Senate, making the Committees on the Military of the two Houses of this Legislature a joint Committee during the remainder of the Session.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives concurs in the message of the Senate, proposing to go into an election to-morrow, at 2 o'clock, P. M., for Register in Equity for Charleston District.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the Senate do now adjourn ; which motion was lost.

The General Orders were resumed.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for 62 copies of the 11th volume of Richardson's Equity Reports ; also,

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Senate Chamber in 1861 ; also,

On the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for public printing ; also,

On the account of A. J. Burke, for printing writs of election for the Senate, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the following resolution ; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the losses sustained by the planters of this State, who have sacrificed their property by committing it to the flames rather than it should fall into the hands of our invaders, entitle them to the warmest sympathy of the people of this State, and that their conduct has exhibited a noble spirit of patriotism, which reflects the highest honor upon them, and upon our beloved State.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MARSHALL introduced

A Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers who are now in, or may hereafter be in, the service of their country, against vexatious lawsuits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. HOPE, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Confederate States Senator, asked leave to report, that no one of the candidates had received a majority of all the votes cast, and that consequently there was no election.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to go into a ballot forthwith for two Confederate States Senators.

The following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives concurs in the message of the Senate, proposing forthwith to go into an election for two Confederate States Senators.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Whereupon the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for two Confederate States Senators.

Messrs. Irby and Johnson were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at half-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gamewell.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Message No. 2, from his Excellency the Governor, was read, and, on motion of Mr. McKEWN, was passed over.

Mr. IRBY, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for two Senators to the Confederate States Congress, asked leave to report, that R. W. Barnwell and J. L. Orr had received a majority of all the votes cast.

They were, therefore, declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House, on the claim of J. R. Todd, for damages to land by running a new Road; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries of the House of Representatives,

On the petition of citizens of York District, praying the opening of a new road from the residence of Joseph McCosh to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools of Abbeville District, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers against vexatious law suits and executions, and to give aid to such of their families as require support; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, Message No. 2, of his Excellency the Governor, was taken up; and the Message and report were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Solicitor of the Southern Circuit; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HART presented the return of the Board of Commissioners of Free Schools for the District of Darlington, for 1861; also,

The memorial of citizens of Darlington District, praying the passage of a Stay Law; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ALSTON presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of Prince George, Winyaw, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris, Exeuntor, and others, praying payment of coupons of certain Bonds guaranteed by the State, was passed over.

Mr. ARTHUR moved that the report of the same Committee,

On the petition of A. W. Leland, do lie on the table, which motion was lost; and on the question of agreeing to the report, it was decided affirmatively, and the report was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, was passed over.

A Bill to authorize Trustees to invest funds in Bonds of the Confederate States, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the various presentments and petitions in relation to stay of sales under legal process, was placed in the General Orders of to-morrow.

The following Bills received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives:

A Bill to continue certain military commissions, and

A Bill to authorize the South Carolina Railroad Company to issue receivable notes.

At half-past 1, P. M., pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Comptroller General.

Messrs. Manning and Marshall were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the communication of J. S. G. Richardson, Esq., with the 11th volume of his Equity Reports, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry Charitable Society and Company; also,

A Bill to incorporate the Palmetto Lyceum of Charleston, received the second reading, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals, was passed over.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board.

Mr. LESESNE also presented the petition of the City Council of Charleston, in relation to insane negroes and colored persons in that city; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. WATSON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Edgefield District, praying that Elijah Timmerman be not paid damages for land used by the Commissioners of Roads; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

At 2 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Register in Equity of Charleston District.

On motion of Mr. DELOACH, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes past 2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Pringle.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the memorial of the City Council of Charleston, praying that authority be granted to them to issue notes or bills to an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MAZYCK, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Register in Equity for Charleston District, asked leave to report, that James L. Gantt had received a majority of all the votes cast.

He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

Mr. DELOACH presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Prince William's Parish, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the petition of John A. Kay, late Assistant Architect of the New State Capitol, praying the suspension of a certain suit against him in the name of the State, or to be allowed to set up a discount in said suit for money due him by the State; which was referred to the Committee on the New State House.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of Dr. M. Jas. Moore, for *post mortem* examinations; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. MOSES submitted the presentment of the Grand Jury for Sumter District, Fall Term, 1861:

So much thereof as relates to a stay law, monopoly of the necessaries of life, and owning of slaves by free negroes, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the report of the Solicitor of the Northern Circuit, on District Officers and their Offices; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. MANNING, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Comptroller General, asked leave to report, that James A. Black had received a majority of all the votes cast.

He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

Mr. ALLEN presented the report of the Solicitor of the Middle Circuit on the condition of the offices of Clerk, Sheriff, Ordinary, and Commissioner in Equity for the several Districts within the Middle Circuit; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The report of the Solicitor of the Western Circuit, on District Officers and their Offices; which was referred to the same Committee.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On the House Bill to amend an Act entitled An Act to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the city of Charleston, and for other purposes; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY presented the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education, and Religion.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. R. E. Cleveland, for medical services rendered the State; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. J. H. Boatwright, for *post mortem* examinations; which was ordered for immediate consideration. The report was ordered *to lie on the table*, and leave was granted by the Senate to Mr. ARTHUR to withdraw the account.

Mr. HARRISON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Anderson District, praying relief by legislation from extortioners and speculators in articles of prime necessity; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on certain contingent accounts; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee, as to vacancy of office of the Treasurer of the Lower Division.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESESNE introduced

A Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-coast; which received the first reading, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 3, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully informs your Body that the House concurs in your message, informing that body that the Senate has appointed a Committee of one from each Congressional District, to nominate suitable persons to act as Trustees of the South Carolina College, and re-

questing a similar Committee to be appointed by the House, to act as a Joint Committee with the one aforesaid, and has appointed the following persons to act on said Committee, viz :

Messrs. Simons Lucas, Jr., J. H. Sereven, J. N. Lipscomb, J. S. Wilson, B. F. Whitner and W. L. T. Prince.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also returned to the Senate the following resolution, in which it had concurred :

Resolved, That the losses sustained by the planters of this State, who have sacrificed their property by committing it to the flames rather than it should fall into the hands of our invaders, entitle them to the warmest sympathy of the people of this State, and that their conduct has exhibited a noble spirit of patriotism, which reflects the highest honor upon our beloved State.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to amend and suspend certain portions of the Militia Law of this State; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. PALMER presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements, on the petition of Dr. A. B. Crook, and the presentment of the Grand Jury of York District, on the subject of sheep and dogs; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HOPE presented the following resolution, which was agreed to :

Whereas, in the present condition of our finances, it is desirable to know the liabilities of the State in all the departments of its operations, among which is the new State Capitol, involving contracts with individual citizens and copartnerships, some of which may be alien enemies; therefore,

Resolved, That it be required of the Committee on the New State Capitol to ascertain whether any of the contractors for work or material on the New State House have become foreigners to the Confederate Government of America, or alien enemies, since the date of their contracts, and whether any moneys are due them, and if any, what are the amounts, and report to the Senate at as early a day as practicable.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the petition of the town Council of Summer-ville, for increase of tax to meet the expense of the town; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris, Executor, and others, praying payment of coupons of certain bonds guaranteed by the State, was, on motion of Mr. McALILEY, re-committed.

The following papers were passed over :

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on various presentments and petitions, in relation to stay of sales under legal process ; and

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals.

The report of the House Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries,

On the claim of J. R. Todd, for damages to land, was concurred in, and was returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, recommending concurrence with certain proviso in the report of the House Committee of Roads, Bridges and Ferries,

On the petition of citizens of York District, praying the opening of a new Road from the residence of Joseph McCosh to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River, being before the Senate, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to insert the words : "Provided that consent of land owners, without damages, be obtained."

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers against vexatious law suits and executions, and to give aid to such of their families as require support, was passed over.

The General Orders, with the exception of the papers passed over, were disposed of.

Mr. McCRAW presented the petition of sundry citizens of York for the passage of an Act authorizing those using neighborhood roads or private paths, to use dirt, timber and stone, for the repair of said paths ; also,

The counter petition of citizens of York District, against the passage of an Act granting leave to use dirt, stone, or timber for the repair of private paths or neighborhood roads ; which were referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

Mr. WARE presented the petition of citizens of Greenville District, in relation to extortioners ; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ; also,

The petition of Dr. Crook, in relation to whiskey and grain ; also,

The petition of Dr. Crook, in relation to salt ; which were referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the Senate adjourned at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Boyd.

Mr. MARSHALL presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions, on the House Bill to amend and suspend certain portions of the Militia Laws of this State ; which was made the Special Order for 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. MARSHALL, from the Committee on Military and Pensions, reported

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act creating a military establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes ;" which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. WARE, from the Special Joint Committee appointed on the part of the Senate to nominate a Board of Trustees for the South Carolina College, asked leave to report the following names to constitute said Board :

T. N. Dawkins, B. F. Perry, J. I. Middleton, J. H. Means, W. F. DeSaussure, R. W. Barnwell, J. S. Preston, C. G. Memminger, T. C. Perrin, J. H. Thornwell, R. F. W. Alston, Thomas Smith, James Chesnut, Jr., F. J. Moses, J. L. Petigru, J. L. Manning, Samuel McAliley, A. P. Calhoun, James Farrow, Wade Hampton.

Which was ordered to be printed, and to be laid on the table of members.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the petition of McCarter & Dawson, for extension of time on their contract for the re-publication of the South Carolina Law and Equity Reports; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WARE presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the House of Representatives, asking that body to join this, in an election, for a Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College, to-morrow, at 1 o'clock; and immediately thereafter for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit; and immediately thereafter for Treasurer of the Lower Division; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and a message was sent accordingly :

Mr. ARTHUR presented the petition of Thomas B. Clarkson, for himself, and for the estate of William Clarkson, deceased, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks; also,

The account of Dr. Wm. C. Freeman, for a *post mortem* examination; and

The account of Dr. J. H. Boatwright, for a *post mortem* examination; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

Mr. FURMAN presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parishes of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris, and others, praying payment of coupons of certain Bonds guaranteed by the State; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow,

Mr. McALILEY, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, reported

A Bill to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue and put in circulation notes receivable in payment of taxes or dues to the City; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY also presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to suspend the 9th section of an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year 1823; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CANNON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Spartanburg District, praying that, in view of the present state of the country, the great waste of corn by distilling be prohibited during the present war; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for binding ;

On the account of A. J. Burke, for printing writs of election for the House of Representatives ;

On the account of the Charleston Courier, for public printing.

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess the value of lands in Pickens District belonging to Andrew Wilson and John Swafford.

On the account of E. J. McDaniel, proprietor of the Chester Standard, for public printing.

On the account of Dr. John G. Williams, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic ; also,

On the account of Dr. John Lake, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic ; also,

On the account of Dr. John G. Williams, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic ; also,

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Representatives' Hall in 1861 ; all of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 5, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries of the House, by adding the following proviso, to wit : "that consent of land owners, without damages, be obtained."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Whereupon the report of the House Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, on the petition of citizens of York District, praying for a new Road from Joseph McCosh's residence to Gaffney's Ferry, on Broad River, was taken up, and the proviso added. The report was then agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, which was ordered to lie on the table :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 5, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks the Senate to unite with that body to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M., in a ballot for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the report of the Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit on District Officers and their Offices; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolutions, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Legislature, the construction of the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad is an enterprise which should be speedily and energetically prosecuted.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Upper Division do pay to Mrs. Ann G. Wardlaw, the widow of the late F. H. Wardlaw, one of the Associate Judges of the Appeal Court of the State, the balance of his salary for eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

Mr. FICKLING moved to consider the resolution as to the Cheraw and Coalfields, Railroad; which motion was lost.

At 1 o'clock P. M., the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR THIS HOUR.

A Bill to amend and suspend certain portions of the Militia Law of this State received the second reading, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. ALLEN gave notice that he will ask leave, on the third reading of the Bill, to amend the eighth section, by writing the words "Brigade and Division" after the word "Regiments."

Mr. MARSHALL also gave notice of a resolution, on the third reading, to suspend the 26th Rule of the Senate, so far as it may relate to the Bill to amend and suspend certain portions of the Militia Laws of this State.

The PRESIDENT presented the Annual Private Report of the President of the Bank of the State, indebtedness and liabilities of Officers and Directors of the Bank and its Branches; which was ordered to lie on the Clerk's desk for the inspection of Senators.

A communication from his Excellency the Governor was received and read, in relation to certain missing documents; which was referred to the Special Committee charged with the Executive Documents.

On motion of Mr. McKEWN, the Senate adjourned at five minutes to 4 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the *Journal* of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Walker.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate, the following communication :

To the President, and other members of the

Senate of the State of South Carolina :

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to signify my acceptance of the office of Associate Justice of the Court of Appeals, to which you have been pleased to elect me ; and at the same time, to express my high sense of this renewed evidence of confidence on the part of the Legislature.

With great respect, gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

BENJ. F. DUNKIN.

GEORGETOWN, December 2, 1861.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to repeal the third section of an Act entitled "An Act for regulating and fixing the salaries of several officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned ; also,

On a Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board ; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the Comptroller General's report

On the Contingent Accounts of the Lower Division ; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

Mr. FURMAN, from the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, reported

A Bill to enable the City Council of Charleston to make provision for the insane paupers within the limits of the City ; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading on Monday next ; also,

A Bill to incorporate the Palmetto Lyceum, of Charleston, received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass ; that the title thereof be changed ; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and for other purposes," received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to authorize the formation of a volunteer company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the Waccamaw Light Artillery," received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to authorize the Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Medical College of South Carolina to apply certain funds to the payment of debt, and to other purposes, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The following resolutions of thanks to the defenders of Forts Walker and Beauregard, were ordered for consideration on Monday next, and to be printed:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly are due to the defenders of Forts Walker and Beauregard, for the courageous tenacity with which they held their respective posts for more than four hours, in the tremendous conflict of the 7th November, against the overwhelming fire of the enemy.

Resolved, That in the stern devotion to their country exhibited on that day, by both her adopted and her native citizen soldiery, South Carolina sees that the ancient spirit of her people still exists—the glory of her past, the prestige of her future, renown.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerks of both Houses to Brigadier General T. F. Drayton, with the request that he extend them to the officers and soldiers under his command, whose bravery signalized their devotion to duty and their country.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, to the Legislature (at the extra session) as refers to expenditures for the Volunteers in Virginia, and the pay of the first Regiment of Volunteers, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of certain persons summoned as Jurors, at Lexington, Fall Term, 1861, praying compensation, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the petition of J. Steckley and T. H. Smith, asking to be refunded taxes illegally collected from them, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Joint Committee appointed to examine the Bank of the State of South Carolina, was also referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to prescribe the manner of calling for volunteers, and to provide for the organization, and to alter and amend the Act entitled "An Act to reduce all Acts and clauses of Acts in relation to the militia of this State into one Act, and to alter and amend the same," in pursuance to the recommendation of the Military Committee, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, was passed over.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on various presentments and petitions in relation to stay of sales under legal process, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, made the Special Order for Tuesday, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals, was, on motion of Mr. MAZYCK, placed in the General Orders of Monday.

Mr. MAZYCK moved to postpone the consideration of

A Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers against vexatious law suits and executions, and to give aid to such of their families as require support; which motion was lost, and the Bill was on the second reading; when

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message; which was ordered to *lie on the table*:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 7, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully concurs in so much of your message "proposing to go into an election for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit, Treasurer of the Lower Division, and Trustees of the South Carolina College, to-day, at 1 o'clock, P. M.," as relates to the joint ballot for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit.

By order of the House, . . .

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. MARSHALL, Chairman of the Military Committee, the bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the General Orders were suspended.

Mr. LESESNE offered the following resolutions; which were ordered for immediate consideration :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to communicate to the Senate (if in his judgment it be not incompatible with the public interest) the state of our military preparation to repel the invasion of our State, the number of effective forces now in the field for that purpose, and the number of arms at his disposal, and whether any, and what reinforcements are expected from our sister States, or from the Government at Richmond.

Resolved, That such communication be made to the Senate in secret session, if his Excellency deem it advisable.

Which were agreed to, and a copy of the resolutions were enclosed by the Clerk to his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. ALLEN offered the following resolution; which was ordered for consideration on Monday next :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be requested to adjourn the camp of instruction and recruiting at this place, to the section of country embraced by the Savannah and Charleston Railroad, so that the soldiery may be located where there is a necessity for their presence.

Mr. ALLEN presented the petition of Sarah E. Stone, of Spartanburg District, praying to be refunded a double tax; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying for the passage of an Act authorizing those using neighborhood roads or private paths, to use dirt, timber, and stone for the repair of said paths; also,

A counter petition on the same subject; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

Mr. LESESNE presented the memorial of the several Building and Loan Associations in the City of Charleston, praying to be allowed to suspend their calls for monthly instalments; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company, together with a counter memorial upon the same subject; and likewise

A Bill upon the same subject; which were ordered for consideration on Monday next.

The General Orders were resumed.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes," was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. R. E. Cleveland, for medical services rendered the State, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence; and the Senate granted leave to Mr. CANNON to withdraw the account.

The report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on certain contingent accounts, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On the petition of Dr. A. B. Crook, and the presentment of the Grand Jury of York District, on the subject of sheep and dogs, was agreed to.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act creating a Military establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes," was, on motion of Mr. MAZYCK, placed in the General Orders of Monday.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of McCarter and Dawson, for extension of time on their contract for the re-publication of the South Carolina Law and Equity Reports, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris and others, praying payment of Coupons of certain Bonds guaranteed by the State, was placed in the Calendar of Monday; also,

A Bill to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue and put in circulation notes receivable in taxes or dues to the city.

The report of the House Committee of Claims on the following papers, was agreed to, and they were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for binding.

On the account of A. J. Burke, for printing writs of election for the House of Representatives.

On the account of the Charleston Courier, for public printing.

On the report of the Commissioners appointed to assess the value of lands in Pickens District, belonging to Andrew Wilson and John Swafford.

On the account of E. J. McDaniel, proprietor of the Chester Standard, for public printing.

On the account of Dr. John G. Williams, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic.

On the account of Dr. John Lake, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic.

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done in the Representatives Hall.

On the account of Dr. John G. Williams, for services rendered in the examination of a pauper lunatic.

The resolution as to the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad, was ordered to be placed in the General Orders of Monday.

The resolution to pay Mrs. Ann G. Wardlaw a certain sum of money, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr ARTHUR presented the account of Peter B. Glass & Co., for stationery furnished the Senate; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Special Committee of the Senate, in relation to members of this body who hold office in the military service of the State, or of the Confederate States; which was ordered for consideration on Monday, and to be printed.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Newberry, from and after to-day, until Tuesday next.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the Senate take a recess until 7 o'clock.

Mr. ALLEN moved to lay the motion upon the table, which was agreed to.

Mr. MARSHALL offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the twenty-sixth rule of the Senate be suspended, so as to permit the amendment of the Bill on the third reading; which was agreed to, and the rule was suspended accordingly.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, asked leave to report a vacancy on the Chancery Bench, occasioned by the promotion of the Hon. Benj. F. Dunkin.

Mr. ALLEN withdrew his resolution to lay the motion to take a recess upon the table.

The question then recurred upon taking a recess, which was decided affirmatively.

The Senate suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. CANNON asked to reconsider the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical accounts,

On the account of Dr. R. E. Cleveland, for medical services rendered the State; which was agreed to, and the accounts were then recommitted.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State, which was upon the third reading in the Senate, when

Mr. HOPE moved to amend, by inserting the words, "under eighteen years of age," after the word "student," in the first section.

Mr. E. G. PALMER moved to lay the amendment on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Arthur, Barker, Blakeney, Dantzler, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Irby, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Beaty, Cannon, Hope, Moses, Sessions, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 6.

The amendment was therefore ordered to *lie on the table*.

Mr. ALLEN moved to strike out the word "and" in the 13th line, first section, of printed bill, and insert after the word "Regiments," "Brigades, and Divisions," so as to read, "Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions;" which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Cannon, Dantzler, Garlington, Harrison, Hope, Lesesne, McKewn, Roberds, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Blakeney, Fickling, Furman, Irby, Manning, Mazyck, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 13.

In the negative, 15.

The amendment was therefore not agreed to.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking that House to amend "A Bill to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State," by striking out, in the 6th line, 6th section, after the word "within," the words "and at any time within ;"

Also, before "Battalion," in the third line, 10th section, strike out "or," and after the word "Battalions," insert, "or Squadrons ;" and the following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 7, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

This House respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend a Bill to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State, by striking out, in the 6th line, 6th section, after the words " within," the words, " and at any time within ;" also, before Battalion, in 3d line, 10th section, strike out " or," and after the word " Battalion," insert " or Squadron."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Bill received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass ; that the title thereof be changed ; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That on the ratification of the Act "to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State," five hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

At half-past 9 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate suspended business until 10 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At the hour to which business had been suspended, the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, to whom was referred "An Act to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State," asked leave to report that said Act had been engrossed, and was ready for ratification.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that House to attend in the Senate Chamber forthwith, for the purpose of ratifying the Act, and the following message of concurrence was received :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 7, 1861.

Mr President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives concurs in the message of the Senate, asking that body to join the Senate forthwith in the ratification of "An Act to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

At a quarter past 11, P. M., the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives entered the Senate Chamber, and "An Act to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State" was duly ratified, in the presence of the members of the General Assembly.

At twenty minutes past 11 o'clock, P. M., on motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the Senate adjourned.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

The Session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Taylor.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College for 1860 and 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion; also,

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to amend the Militia Laws of this State, so as to exempt regular officiating Clergymen from extraordinary militia duty, except in certain cases.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the report of the same Committee of the House,

On the petition of certain persons, summoned as Jurors, at Lexington, Fall Term, 1861, praying compensation; both of which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HARRISON presented the following resolution; which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements be instructed to report upon the expediency of encouraging the manufacture of salt on the sea-board of this State, by an appropriation of two thousand dollars to each responsible Company who may engage in such manufacture, the whole appropriation not to exceed ten thousand dollars.

Mr. HARRISON presented the petition of sundry citizens of Anderson District, on the subject of salt and other articles of prime necessity; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislature do adjourn its present session on Friday next, 13th inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M., *sine die*.

Which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of J. M. Brown, proprietor of the Darlington Southerner, for public printing; also,

The report of the same Committee, on the account of A. J. Ruggs, for public printing, and

On the account of Dr. T. J. Goodwyn, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for Chester District, A. D., 1860-1; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the accounts of Dr. M. J. Moore, for *post mortem* examination; which was laid on the table, and the Senate granted leave to Mr. MOSES to withdraw the account.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the petition of sundry citizens of St. George's Dorchester, asking the grant of a new road; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following resolutions in relation to the Banks of this State, were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks :

1. *Resolved*, That the Banks of South Carolina, having within the past year afforded timely and important assistance to the State, and to the Confederate Government, deserve the thanks of this General Assembly, in their liberal and patriotic course, amidst the difficulties and embarrassments of the present great struggle for independence and existence.

2. *Resolved*, That to the extent of their abilities, all the Banks in the State are hereby requested to relieve the necessities of planters, by discounts on satisfactory securities.

3. *Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the Clerks of the two Houses to the President of each Bank in the State.

The following, in relation to the German Battalion of Artillery, was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Whereas, It is due to the adopted citizens of South Carolina, to make the most public acknowledgement of their loyalty to the State of their adoption, and to put on record the acts of constancy and courage by which their fidelity and devotion have been signalized, that the fame of their meritorious conduct may be transmitted as an honorable heritage to their posterity ; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly of South Carolina have heard with sentiments of profound admiration the conspicuous gallantry displayed by the German Battalion of Artillery in the defence of Fort Walker, and hereby tender to their brave Commander, Col. John A. Wagener, and to the troops composing the battalion, the thanks of the General Assembly for their gallant efforts to protect the State from invasion.

The following resolution was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the Act to Amend and Suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State be forthwith published, and that one hundred thereof be placed at the disposal of the Adjutant General.

The report of the Committee on the State House and Grounds,

On the petition of John A. Kay, was referred to the Committee on the New State House.

The report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. J. O. Hagood, for attendance on prisoners in jail, was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of the Lancaster Ledger, for public printing, was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

A Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy on a certain child of Mary Mullinax, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and was ordered to be printed.

The following Bills received the first reading, and were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks :

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad ;

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad ;"

A Bill to authorize the several Banks in the State to deal in stocks and other securities of the Confederate States of America.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. H. Boatwright, for *post mortem* examination ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the Parish of St. James', Goose Creek, 1861 ; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that House to go into a ballot for Chancellor, to-morrow, at half-past 12 o'clock.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, was passed over.

The reports of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals, and the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to provide more efficient Police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, were made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 2, P. M.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act creating a Military Establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes;" received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the petition of the Elmore Mutual Insurance Company, and of J. L. Harris and others, praying payment of coupons of certain bonds guaranteed by the State, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue and put into circulation notes receivable in taxes or dues to the City, received the second reading, and upon the question of agreeing to the Bill,

The yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Barker, Bull, Cannon, DeLoach, Fickling, Hope, Lesesne, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Arthur, Beaty, Blakeney, Harrison, Irby, Manning, Moses, Roberds, Sessions, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 14.

In the negative, 10.

The Bill was therefore agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to repeal the third section of an Act for regulating and fixing the salaries of several officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of sundry citizens of Spartanburg District, praying that, in view of the present state of the country, the great waste of corn by distilling be prohibited during the present war, was agreed to.

The General Orders were suspended, and

Mr. LESESNE gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to constitute the First Regiment of Charleston Reserves a part of the Fourth Brigade of Infantry, South Carolina Militia.

A Bill to enable the City Council of Charleston to make provision for the insane paupers within the limits of the city, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The resolutions of thanks to the defenders of forts Walker and Beauregard, were taken up for consideration. The first resolution was agreed to; and,

On motion of Mr. FICKLING, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to strike out the second and third resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings (recommending non-legislation),

On the petition of sundry citizens of York District, praying for the passage of an Act authorizing those using neighborhood roads, or private paths, to use dirt, timber and stone for the repair of said paths; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a counter petition on the same subject, was agreed to.

The report (recommending non-legislation) of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On the petition of the Mount Pleasant Ferry Company, with a counter memorial upon the same, and likewise a Bill on the same subject, was agreed to.

The resolution as to the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The report of the Special Committee of the Senate, in relation to members of this body who hold office in the military service of the State, or of the Confederate States, was, on motion of Mr. MOSES, placed in the General Orders of to-morrow.

The General Orders were dispensed of.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at 10 minutes to 3, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Breaker.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on A Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers who are now in,

or may hereafter be in, the service of their country, against vexatious law suits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A Bill to authorize certain Building and Loan Associations to suspend the call for monthly instalments; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. LESSESNE presented the report of the Commissioner of the Code; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. LESSESNE also introduced

A Bill to constitute the First Regiment of the Charleston Reserves a part of the Fourth Brigade of Infantry, South Carolina Militia; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the following papers:

On a Bill, from the House, "to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad;"

On a Bill, from the House, to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad;"

On the report of the House Committee of Ways and Means, on so much of the Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as relates to the issue of Bonds and Stocks for military purposes;

On a Bill, from the House, to authorize the several Banks in this State to deal in Stocks and other securities of the Confederate States of America;

On the report of the House Committee of Ways and Means, on so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as refers to the expenditures for the volunteers in Virginia, and the pay of the First Regiment of Volunteers;

On the report of the same Committee,

On the petition of J. Steckley and T. H. Smith, asking to be refunded taxes illegally collected from them.

On the petition of Mrs. Sarah E. Stone, of Spartanburg District, praying to be refunded a double tax; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY, also presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of F. D. Richardson, for a return of taxes improperly exacted.

On the petition of Thomas B. Clarkson, for himself and for the estate of Wm. Clarkson, deceased, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected.

On the petition of Darling Williams, to be paid the amount of a Jury ticket lost; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, "to authorize the Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Medical College of South Carolina to apply certain funds to the payment of debt, and to other purposes;" which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. R. E. Cleveland, for services rendered prisoners in jail, and for a *post mortem* examination; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Drs. Hill and Davis, for a *post mortem* examination; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

The report of the Committee on the Military, on a resolution in relation to a change of uniform for militia officers; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions; also,

A Bill to authorize the Banks to extend their loans to the people; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, was, on motion of Mr. McALILEY, placed in the General Orders of to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, which was concurred in:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 10, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully proposes to your body to unite with the House forthwith in a joint ballot for Treasurer of the Lower Di-

vision; and immediately thereafter for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit; and immediately thereafter for Trustees of the South Carolina College.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

A Bill to repeal the third section of an Act entitled "An Act for regulating and fixing the salaries of several officers, and for other purposes therein mentioned," received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. ALLEN to withdraw the resolution requesting the Governor to adjourn the camp of instruction and recruiting near Columbia.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On a Bill to amend the Militia Laws of this State, so as to exempt regular officiating clergymen from extraordinary militia duty, except in certain cases, was agreed to.

The report of the Judiciary Committee of the House,

On the petition of certain persons summoned as Jurors, at Lexington, Fall Term, 1861, praying compensation, was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The resolution relative to the adjournment of the Legislature on Friday next, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The following papers were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence:

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of J. M. Brown, proprietor of the Darlington Southerner, for public printing;

The report of the same Committee,

On the account of A. J. Rugg, for public printing;

The report of the same Committee,

On the account of Dr. T. J. Goodwyn, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail; and

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. J. H. Boatwright, for a *post mortem* examination.

The General Orders were suspended; and, at ten minutes past 1, P. M., the Senate, pursuant to orders previously made, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Treasurer of the Lower Division.

Messrs. Moses and E. G. Palmer were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots; and immediately thereafter, for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit; Messrs. S. W. Palmer and Sessions were

appointed the Committee to count the ballots ; and immediately thereafter, for Trustees of the South Carolina College ; Messrs. Simpson and Wagner were appointed the Committee to count the ballots.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for Treasurer of the Lower Division, asked leave to report that William Laval had received all the votes cast.

He was, therefore, declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly:

Message No. 3, of his Excellency the Governor, was received and read ; and, on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, the Message and accompanying documents were made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1, P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on various Presentments and Petitions in relation to stay of sales under legal process.

Mr. LESESNE moved to lay the report, the Bill, and the amendment on the table ; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Boykin, Fickling, Lesesne, McCaw, Mazyck, and S. W. Palmer.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Arthur, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Manning, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Roberds, Sessions, Simpson, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 7.

In the negative, 28.

The motion to lay on the table was consequently not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the report, the Bill, and the amendment, were made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. SIMPSON, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Trustees of the South Carolina College, asked leave to report that the following gentlemen had received a majority of all the votes cast :

T. N. Dawkins, B. F. Perry, J. I. Middleton, J. H. Means, W. F. DeSaussure, R. W. Barnwell, J. S. Preston, C. G. Memminger, T. C. Perin, J. H. Thornwell, R. F. W. Alston, Thomas Smith, James Chesnut, Jr., F. J. Moses, J. L. Petigru, J. L. Manning, Samuel McAliley, A. P. Calhoun, James Farrow, Wade Hampton.

They were, therefore, declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

Mr. S. W. PALMER, from the Committee appointed to count the ballots for Solicitor of the Eastern Circuit, asked leave to report that H. McIver had received all the votes cast.

He was, therefore, declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at 4 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Shand.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following resolution was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

Whereas, Since the last session of this General Assembly it has pleased the Almighty Disposer of events to remove, from his position of earthly usefulness and honor, to the scenes of another existence, an able public functionary, in the person of Chancellor Francis Hugh Wardlaw, whose profound knowledge of the law, and high order of intellect, attracted the admiration of the just and learned throughout the State,

Resolved, That the Legislature of South Carolina has received, with the most profound emotions of sorrow, the intelligence of the death of that great man and most learned Judicial Magistrate.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a Patrol and Military guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes," having been amended by the House, on the third reading, was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

An Act to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the Waccamaw Light Artillery, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to provide for the payment, by the State, of the tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax payers in this State, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to incorporate the Florence and Fayetteville Railroad Company, received the first reading and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On Message No. 2, of his Excellency the Governor; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate granted leave of absence to the Senator from Laurens District, from and after to-day, for the remainder of the session; also,

To the Senator from Orange, from and after to-day, for the remainder of the session, on account of military duty.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of the Charleston Zouave Cadets, for a charter; also,

The petition of the Sunday School Union, praying an Act of Incorporation; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to prevent forestalling and extortion in the sales of provisions and necessary articles of consumption, and to authorize their seizure for public use; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee of the Senate,

On Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On the petition of Dr. A. B. Crook, in relation to whisky and grain; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary

On the reports of the Solicitors of the Northern, Middle, Western, Southern and Eastern Circuits, on District officers and their offices; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MONTGOMERY presented the petition of the Town Council of Georgetown, to grant said corporation the privilege of issuing Bills of denominations from five cents to one dollar; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. HOPE presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this General Assembly, that it is inexpedient for the cotton planter to raise another full crop of this staple whilst the blockade continues, and that in view of the extensive supplies

which will be needed in the various articles of food for the Infantry and Cavalry of the army, it is recommended to the producers of the country to devote their attention mainly to the production of provisions, to meet the public demands, and it is further believed that such products will command remunerating prices.

Which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The following papers were placed in the General Orders of to-morrow :

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the Senate Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad ;
also,

On the House Bill on the same subject.

The report of the Special Committee of the Senate, in relation to members of this body who hold office in the military service of this State or of the Confederate States ; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers, who now are, or may hereafter be, in the service of their country, against vexatious lawsuits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support.

A Bill to authorize certain Building and Loan Associations to suspend the call for monthly instalments, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill (from the House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad," was placed in the General Orders of to-morrow.

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on so much of the Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, at the extra session, as relates to the issue of bonds and stocks for military purposes, was, on motion of Mr. McALILEY, recommitted.

The unfavorable report of the same Committee,

On a Bill (from the House) to authorize the several Banks in this State to deal in stocks and other securities of the Confederate States, was agreed to, and the Bill was consequently rejected.

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as refers to the expenditures for the volunteers in Virginia, and the pay of the First Regiment of Volunteers, was, on motion of Mr. ALLEN, made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The unfavorable report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the petition of J. Steckley and T. H. Smith, asking to be refunded taxes illegally collected from them, was agreed to.

The report of the same Committee,

On the petition of Mrs. Sarah E. Stone, of Spartanburg District, praying to be refunded a double tax ;

On the petition of F. D. Richardson, for a return of taxes improperly exacted ; and,

On the petition of Thomas B. Clarkson, for himself, and for the estate of William Clarkson, deceased, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected, were placed in the General Orders of to-morrow.

The report of the same Committee,

On the petition of Darling Williams, to be paid the amount of a Jury ticket lost, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to authorize the Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Medical College of South Carolina to apply certain funds to the payment of debt, and to other purposes, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended, and the Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Message No. 3, of his Excellency the Governor, and the accompanying documents,

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, was referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. R. E. Cleveland, for services rendered prisoners in jail, and for *post mortem* examination, was agreed to, and was ordered to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Medical Committee, of the House, on the account of Drs. Hill and Davis, for a *post mortem* examination, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were resumed.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices,

On the Contingent Accounts of the Lower Division.

The reading of the report was dispensed with, and the report ordered to lie on the Clerk's desk, for the inspection of Senators.

The Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements reported

A Bill to encourage the manufacture of Salt within this State; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow, and to be printed.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the Special Order of yesterday, for 2, P. M., was discharged, and made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 1, P. M.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 1, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On various presentments and petitions, in relation to stay of sales under legal process.

The report of the Committee,

On a Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales, was taken up for consideration.

The Committee asked leave to amend the original Bill by substituting

A Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales.

Mr. MAZYCK asked leave to amend the Bill proposed by the Committee, by adding the following section :

SEC. 5 No party defendant to any judgment or decree, shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act, who shall not have paid all the interest accrued on the debt for which such judgment or decree was obtained.

Mr. GARLINGTON moved to lay both the amendment proposed by the Committee, and that of Mr. MAZYCK, on the table.

Which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Bull, Cannon, Dantzer, DeLoach, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Keitt, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Arthur, Barker, Boykin, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Roberds, Ware and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 27.

In the negative, 10.

The amendments were therefore ordered to *lie on the table*.

On motion of Mr. ALLEN, the subject was recommitted to the Judiciary Committee.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State, and for other purposes; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, the Senate adjourned at a quarter-past 3 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Martin.

Mr. MOSES presented the petition of Richard Williams and wife, and others, praying compensation for land escheated and granted by the State; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales; which was, on motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, made the Special Order for to-day, at a quarter-past 1 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. ROBERDS presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Beaufort and Barnwell Districts, praying that the property of B. P. O. Cohen, a free man of color, deceased, be vested in his widow and children; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill to incorporate the Florence and Fayetteville Railroad Company; also,

The report of the same Committee on the memorial of "Orange Lodge No. 14, Ancient Free Masons," praying an Act of Incorporation; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Message No. 4, from his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, and the message and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

Mr. MANNING gave notice that he would to-morrow ask leave to introduce,

A Bill to provide for the better government of slaves.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Town Council of Georgetown, praying leave to issue bills of denominations less than one dollar ; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill, from the House, "to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise supplies for the year commencing October, A. D. 1861, and for other purposes ;" also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill, from the House, in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the banks of this State, and for other purposes ;" which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations.

On the statement of property destroyed by orders of Confederate officers ; which was referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

Mr. MANNING presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the House Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, was ordered to *lie on the table*, and the Bill was taken up for a second reading.

Mr. McALILEY moved that the bill do *lie on the table* ; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, DeLoach, Mazyck, McAliley, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer and Sessions.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Arthur, Bull, Dantzler, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Manning, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Roberds, Sharpe, Ware, Watson, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 11.

In the negative, 24.

The motion to *lay on the table*, was consequently not agreed to.

Upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Arthur, Barnes, Bull, Dantzler, Fickling, Garlington, Harrison, Hope, Irby, Manning, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Roberds, Sharpe, Watson, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, DeLoach, Mazyck, McAliley, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 22.

In the negative, 12.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and ordered to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were suspended.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Special Order for 1 o'clock, P. M., was temporarily deferred.

The Special Order for a quarter-past 1 o'clock, P. M., was discharged, and made the Special Order for to-day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

And the Special Order for half-past 1 o'clock, was made the Special Order for half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, to the Legislature (at the extra session) as refers to the expenditures for the volunteers in Virginia, and the pay of the first regiment of volunteers, was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MAZYCK presented the report of the Trustees of the Roper Hospital ; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The Committee on Military and Pensions was discharged from the consideration of the following resolution in reference to the Pee Dee Legion.

Resolved, That the action of His Excellency the Governor, in the organization of the Pee Dee Legion, meets with the sanction and approbation of this General Assembly.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Committee on the Military of the House, in relation to a change of uniform for Militia officers; also,

The reports of the same Committee,

On "a Bill to constitute the First Regiment of Charleston Reserves, a part of the Fourth Brigade of Infantry South Carolina Militia;" and

On a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a Patrol and Military guard for the city of Charleston, and for other purposes," with an amendment adopted by the House of Representatives on the third reading of the said Bill; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The report of the Special Committee of the Senate in relation to members of this body who hold office in the military service of this State or of the Confederate States.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers, who now are, or may hereafter be, in the service of their country, against vexatious lawsuits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support; and

The report on the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill (from the House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad;" were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The unfavorable report of the same Committee,

On the petition of Mrs. Sarah E. Stone, of Spartanburg District, praying to be refunded a double tax, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of F. D. Richardson, for a return of taxes improperly exacted.

The report of the same Committee,

On the petition of Thos. B. Clarkson, for himself, and for the estate of Wm. Clarkson, deceased, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected, were ordered to *lie on the table*, and

Mr. ARTHUR presented the following resolution; which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the subject matter of the petitions of F. D. Richardson and of Thos. B. Clarkson, deceased, for himself, and for the estate of William Clarkson, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected, be referred, for adjustment, to the Comptroller General of this State; and that the Comp-

troller give notice to the Tax Collector of Sumter District to furnish such proof as he may think proper in support of his assessment.

The Senate proceeded to the

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR 2, P. M.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, .

On a Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate, at 20 minutes past 3 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. MOSES offered the following preamble and resolution; which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to, and ordered to the House of Representatives for concurrence,

Whereas, The members of this House have heard with feelings of deep emotion, of the severe conflagration which has lately raged in the cherished metropolis of the State,

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed, to act jointly with a like Committee of the House, to inquire and report if there is necessity for provision of immediate relief by the State.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ALLEN introduced.

A Bill to equalize the system of Taxation, by establishing a uniform *ad valorem* duty on all property recognized as such by the laws of this State; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks, and ordered to be printed.

A Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales, being before the Senate on the second reading,

Mr. RHETT moved to strike out the words, "mesne or," in the first section; which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following amendment to the fifth section :

That no debtor against whom mesne or final process has been or may be issued, and who shall not have paid all the interest accrued on the debt for the collection of which such process has been or may be issued, shall be entitled to the benefit of this Act.

And upon the question of agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Barker, Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Heyward, Mazyck, S. W. Palmer, Roberds, Ware, Watson, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Arthur, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Harrison, Hope, Irby, Manning, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, and Sharpe.

In the affirmative, 13.

In the negative, 23.

The amendment was therefore not agreed to.

Upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were also ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Manning, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, Ware and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Boykin, Bull, Fickling, Lesesne, Mazyck, S. W. Palmer, Rhett and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 25.

In the negative, 12.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following preamble and resolution, in which it had concurred :

Whereas, The members of this House have heard, with feelings of deep emotion, of the severe conflagration which has lately raged in the cherished metropolis of the State.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to act jointly with a like Committee of the House, to inquire and report if there is necessity of provision for immediate relief by the State.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 12, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs the Senate that it concurs in the resolution of that body appointing a Committee of Inquiry in relation to the great calamity which has befallen the city of Charleston, and requesting the appointment of a similar Committee by the House of Representatives ; and has appointed the following Committee to act jointly with the Committee from the Senate, viz : Messrs. Aldrich, Trenholm and Mullins.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The PRESIDENT announced Messrs. Moses, Lesesne and Manning, the Committee on the part of the Senate to inquire and report if there is necessity of provision for immediate relief by the State.

On motion of Mr. HOPE, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes to 9 o'clock, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Wannamaker.

Mr. CANNON presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts, to inquire and report as to the propriety and expediency of granting State aid for the purpose of procuring a supply of salt, either by manufacture or otherwise ; and to make such deposits or distribution as will enable the citizens of all parts of the State to procure a supply for their own consumption, on such terms and conditions as only to cover cost and transportation.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following resolution, which had been concurred in :

Resolved, That the subject matter of the petitions of F. D. Richardson and of Thomas B. Clarkson, for himself, and for the estate of William Clarkson, deceased praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected, be referred for adjustment to the Comptroller General of this State; and that the Comptroller General give notice to the Tax Collector of Sumter District to furnish such proof as he may think proper in support of his assessment.

The following resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

Resolved, That his Excellency the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ a Special Secretary, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and to allow a compensation of fifteen hundred dollars for the past year to the person who performed the duties of Special Secretary for that period.

Also, the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this General Assembly, it is inexpedient, at the present time, to go into an election to fill the vacancy in the Chancery Bench, occasioned by the election of the Hon. B. F. Dunkin; and that it be referred to the Committee on the Judiciary to arrange and report to this House such re-arrangement of the Circuits as will enable the present Chancellor to attend to the business of the Court.

The report of the Committee on Ways and Means,

On the petition of Rev. A. W. Leland, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary.

On the petition of McCarter & Dawson, for extension of time on their contract for the re-publication of the South Carolina Law and Equity Reports; which was concurred in.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution concerning the removal of public records and prisoners; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to authorize the Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Medical College of South Carolina to apply certain funds to the payment of debt, and to other purposes; which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act, and returned to the House of Representatives.

JOURNAL OF THE SENATE,

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the confirmation of the minutes of yesterday's Journal was postponed until to-morrow.

Message No. 5 of his Excellency the Governor, was read, and referred to the Special Committee to inquire and report provision of relief by the State to the citizens of Charleston who had suffered from the late conflagration.

MESSAGE NO. 5.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

A great calamity has befallen our State, in the destruction of an extensive and wealthy portion of Charleston by a disastrous fire, and I take this earliest opportunity to call your immediate attention to the relief, for the present, of the poor and the destitute who may be sufferers. The fire broke out in a work-shop near Hasel street, and swept with terrific fury, night before last, during a storm of wind, from between Hasel street and East Bay, direct through the centre of the city, towards the west and southwest, across Market, Meeting and Broad streets, to near Savage street. It is to be hoped that it may not be as extensive as was at first supposed. But it is bad enough.

In the commencement of this great struggle with our malignant and bitter enemies, the cities of the South have acted a noble and patriotic part. They were the first to move, and notwithstanding the loss of their trade, commerce and wealth, they never, for a moment, hesitated to stand by their country's honor, and pledge their existence for their country's independence. Amongst them, our own city, consecrated and hallowed in the recollections of the past by all that is dear and glorious in South Carolina, has stood first amongst the foremost in patriotic and heroic bearing. The laborer, the mechanic, the artisan, the merchant, the professional man, the clergy, the rich and the poor, have all struggled together as a band of brothers, and no city upon the face of the earth, in any fierce and dangerous contest, has ever presented a more cordial, devoted and united population than Charleston has done. She was the first to move, the first to suffer, and the first to triumph. Her citizen soldiers, with one voice, at the very first tap of the drum, marched to dangers that were new, and to a conflict that was untried. It was in her harbor, from Fort Moultrie, in 1776, that our State cannon announced to the world, even before the old Union was formed, our separate independence, and it was in her harbor, again, that the Phoenix of a new Union rose from the burning ashes of the old.

Under such circumstances, I trust that every son of South Carolina will sympathize with her in this deep calamity, and feel it to be his pleasure, as it is his duty, to step forward to aid and comfort the poor and the afflicted

who may feel the desolating effects of this terrible blow. Your wisdom will suggest the means of assistance that may be within your proper and legitimate power. Being cut off, as they are, by blockade, and the profits of daily business and occupation being suspended by the war that is now raging at their very gates, they present a case for your action entirely out of the usual and customary state of things in days of peace. I have sent a regiment of soldiers from the camp near this place, to give assistance. I have also ordered the Commissary General to give out such rations or supplies of food as may be necessary to prevent want, for the present, and I will cordially co-operate in any measure you may deem just and proper.

F. W. PICKENS.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MANNING introduced

A Bill to provide for the better government of slaves; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. McKEWN presented the Report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. J. O. Hagood, for services rendered prisoner in jail; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Southern Confederation, for public printing, and

On the account of P. B. Glass & Co., for stationery furnished Senate Chamber; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of the Lancaster Ledger for public printing, and

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On "a resolution (of the House of Representatives) complimentary to the German Battalion in the defence of Fort Walker;" which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FICKLING presented the return of the Commissioners of Free Schools for St. Luke's Parish; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Special Committee of the Senate in relation to members of this body who hold office in the military service of this State or of the Confederate States; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers, who now are, or may hereafter be, in the service of their country, against vexatious lawsuits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support, were placed on the General Orders of Monday.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill (from the House) to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad," was ordered to lie on the table; and,

The Bill having received the second reading, upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Barnes, Blake-ney, Harrison, Heyward, Irby, Manning, McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, and Sessions.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Arthur, Barker, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, Lesesne, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, S. W. Palmer, Sharpe, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 14.

In the negative, 15.

The bill was, consequently, rejected.

On motion of Mr. ARTHUR, the vote was reconsidered, and upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were again ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Arthur, Barnes, Blakeney, Dantzler, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Irby, Lesesne, Manning McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Sharpe, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, DeLoach, Hope, Mazyek, McAliley, McKewn, S. W. Palmer, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 23.

In the negative, 13.

The bill was consequently agreed to, and ordered to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On Message No. 2, of his Excellency the Governor, was passed over.

SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY FOR HALF-PAST 1, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Special Order for this hour,

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board.

The Special Order was discharged; and, on motion of Mr. MOSES, was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 1, P. M.

Mr. MOSES gave notice that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to amend the law as to the election of officers in the South Carolina College.

The General Orders were resumed.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to prevent forestalling and extortion in the sales of provisions and necessary articles of consumption, and to authorize their seizure for public use, was placed in the General Orders of to-morrow, and ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On the petition of Dr. A. B. Crook, in relation to whiskey and grain; and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the reports of the Solicitors of the Northern, Middle, Western and Eastern Circuits, on District officers and their offices, were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to encourage the manufacture of salt in this State, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Military Committee of the House, in relation to change of Uniform for militia officers, was concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to incorporate the Florence and Fayetteville Railroad Company, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engraved Acts,

On the memorial of Orange Lodge, No. 14, Ancient Free Masons, praying an Act of incorporation, was agreed to.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes, received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of the Town Council of Georgetown, praying leave to issue bills of a denomination less than one dollar, was agreed to.

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill (from the House) to amend an Act entitled an Act to raise supplies for the year commencing October, A. D., 1861, and for other purposes, was placed in the General Orders of to-morrow.

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State, and for other purposes, was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy, was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

A Bill to constitute the First Regiment Charleston Reserves a part of the Fourth Brigade South Carolina Militia, received the second reading, was agreed to; and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

The General Orders were disposed of.

Mr. DANTZLER offered the following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Senate be instructed to have all printed Bills, Resolutions and Reports numbered, so as to correspond with the numbers on the Calendar.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill, from the House, to provide more efficient Police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board; which was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1½ P. M., and the Bill and amendments were ordered to be printed.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to authorize the issue of stock to the amount of one million eight hundred thousand dollars for the military defence of the State, and for other purposes, which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

On motion of Mr. HOPE, a message was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives, proposing to that body to unite with Senate in a joint ballot for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State, to-morrow, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal improvements,

On a resolution in relation to the inexpediency of cotton planters planting a full crop of cotton the ensuing year; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On the petition of Elijah Timmerman, praying damages for a new road through his lands, and the report of the Commissioners thereon; also,

A counter petition on the same subject; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. McCRAW, the Senate adjourned at twenty minutes past 3 o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1861.

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Howe.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Joint Committee

On the resolution as to the relief for the sufferers by the late fire in Charleston; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. MOSES also introduced

A Bill to amend the law as to the election of officers in the South Carolina College; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message; which was concurred in :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully requests your body to unite with it on to-morrow, at 12½ o'clock, P. M., in a ballot for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 13, 1861..

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives concurs in the proposition of the Senate, to go into an election for President and four Directors for the Bank of the State of South Carolina, to-morrow, at half-past 12 o'clock, P. M.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

At half-past 12 o'clock, P. M., the Senate, pursuant to orders previously made, proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in an election for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina.

Messrs. Ware and Whaley were appointed the Committee, on the part of the Senate, to count the ballots.

Mr. MOSES presented the following resolutions which were ordered for immediate consideration, and were agreed to :

Resolved, That hereafter all amendments of Bills or Resolutions, offered to the Senate in writing, and the action of the Senate thereon, whether the yeas and nays are taken or not, be entered on the Journal kept by the Clerk, so that the minutes may be a complete transcript of the transactions of the body.

Resolved, That the minutes of Thursday last be amended, so that the amendment offered by the Senator from St. Helena, to strike out the words "mesne or," in the first section of the Bill "to extend relief to debtors, and prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales," and the action of the Senate thereon, may appear in the Journal.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion, on the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind ; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina College for 1860 and 1861 ; which were ordered for consideration on Monday.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On various petitions and memorials to incorporate certain Associations and Companies, and for other purposes ; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On various memorials and petitions, asking the incorporation of certain Religious and Charitable Societies, and Societies for the Advancement of Education, and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted ; which were ordered for consideration on Monday.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. WARE to call up the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on the report of the Comptroller General, and to insert the account of P. M. Pepper, Constable.

Mr. BOYKIN presented the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a person who shall be charged with the duty of disbursing the fund appropriated for the military defence of the State ; and that it shall be the duty of the person appointed to this office to countersign all orders for the payment of money out of the said fund, to take vouchers for the same, and keep a proper account of all transactions arising therefrom.

Resolved, That a salary of fifteen hundred dollars be allowed to the person appointed to the discharge of the foregoing duties ; and that fifteen hundred dollars be further appropriated for the compensation of the person or persons who discharged the same duties during the past year ; which were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the petition of the City Council of Columbia, to be refunded money paid for the State ; which was ordered for consideration on Monday.

Mr. ARTHUR also gave notice that he will, on Monday, ask leave to introduce

A Bill to incorporate a Mutual Insurance Company in the City of Columbia.

Mr. ARTHUR also presented

The account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for medical services rendered to prisoners in jail; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Joint Committee

On the resolution in relation to the sufferers by the late fire in Charleston; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 14, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully grants leave to the Senate, to amend certain resolutions of thanks to the defenders of Forts Walker and Beauregard, in the conflict on the 7th ultimo, by striking out the second and third resolutions.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The following resolution was then concurred in, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Assembly are due to the defenders of Forts Walker and Beauregard, for the courageous tenacity with which they held their respective posts, for more than four hours, in the tremendous conflict of the 7th November, against the overwhelming fire of the enemy.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,

On the Governor's Message and accompanying documents; and

On the report of the Committee of the House of Representatives, in relation to property destroyed by orders of Confederate officers, recommending concurrence in the House report; which was ordered for consideration on Monday.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to provide for the payment by the State of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax payers in this State; which was ordered for consideration on Monday.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to enable volunteers in the military service to exercise the right of suffrage; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections; also,

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MOSES presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That a Committee of Two be appointed by the Senate to confer with a similar Committee to be appointed by the House, for the purpose of recommending a day for the adjournment, *sine die*, of the present session.

The PRESIDENT announced Messrs. Moses and DeLoach the Committee on the part of the Senate, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives asking the appointment of a similar Committee.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad;" which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved. That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed: that it be called an Act, and that it be sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Special Order for half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., was discharged, and made the Special Order for to-day, at half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On Message No. 2, of his Excellency the Governor, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to prevent forestalling and extortion in the sales of provisions and necessary articles of consumption, and to authorize their seizure for public use, was passed over.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill, from the House, to amend an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing October, A. D. 1861, and for other purposes," received the second reading, and was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the banks of the State, and for other purposes, was passed over.

The report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On the report of the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The General Orders were suspended ; and

Mr. MOSES introduced the following resolution ; which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was agreed to :

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions, to inquire and report the number of Pay and State Cadets in the State Military School, including those lately appointed, and whether some change in the system cannot be made, by which a larger number of State Cadets can be admitted.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. J. O. Hagood, for services rendered prisoners in jail, was taken up for consideration, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking to amend the House report.

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Southern Confederation, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the same Committee, on the account of P. B. Glass & Co., for stationery furnished the Senate Chamber, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on Claims, of the House

On the account of the Lancaster Ledger, for public printing ; also,

The resolutions from the House, complimentary to the German Battalion of Artillery in the defence of Fort Walker, were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on the report of the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, of the House,

On the petition of Elijah Timmerman, praying damages for a new road through his lands, and the report of the Commissioners thereon ; also,

A counter petition on the same subject ; was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the report of the Committee on Agriculture and Internal Improvements,

On a resolution in relation to the inexpediency of cotton planters planting a full crop of cotton the ensuing year, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

And the Senate granted leave to Mr. HOPE to withdraw the resolution.

The Senate granted leave to Mr. DANTZLER to strike out all after the word resolved, in the resolution in relation to the manner of printing the Bills, Resolutions and Reports of the Senate, and to insert the following:

That no Bills or Resolutions introduced in the Senate, shall be printed until they are reported on by the Committee to whom referred, except by special vote of the Senate, or except a limited number ordered by the Committee for their own use, and that the Clerk be instructed to number all Bills, Resolutions and Reports, in accordance with the Calendar, with the name of the person or committee introducing them, and that whenever any Bill, &c., is taken up, but not passed on, and is ordered to be placed on the Calendar for the next day, then the Clerk shall place the regular and real number of Bills, &c., so ordered on the Calendar.

The resolution, as amended, was then agreed to.

The General Orders, with the exception of the papers passed over, were disposed of.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots for President and four Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina, asked leave to report, that the following gentlemen had received a majority of all the votes cast:

For President—C. M. Furman.

For Directors—P. C. Gaillard, E. W. Marshall, C. J. Colcock, and H. E. Dotterer.

They were therefore declared, by the PRESIDENT, duly elected accordingly.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the Special Order for this hour.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On so much of the Governor's Message as refers to the appointment of Provost Marshals, and

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to provide more efficient Police Regulations for the Districts on the sea-board; and

A Bill on the same subject, from the House of Representatives.

The House Bill was taken up for consideration, and the other papers were ordered to *lie on the table*.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate, at 4 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The reading of the House Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, was resumed.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, the reading of the Bill was suspended, and

A Bill, from the House of Representatives, to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to provide for the payment by the State of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the taxpayers in this State, was ordered to be printed.

The following message of concurrence was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 14, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully concurs in the message of the Senate, asking the appointment of a Committee of two by this House, to confer with a similar Committee appointed by the Senate, to recommend a suitable day for the adjournment of this General Assembly, *sine die*; and has appointed Messrs. Read and Trenholm the Committee so to confer with Senate's Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Also, the following :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 14, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Medical Committee of the House on the account of J. O. Hagood, by striking out all after the word "paid," and substituting the following: "fifty dollars, the amount of his account;" so that the report will read, "That he be paid fifty dollars, the amount of his account."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Whereupon the report of the Medical Committee of the House, on the account of Dr. J. O. Hagood, for attendance on prisoner in jail, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad; which received the third reading, and upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Arthur, Barnes, Blakeney, Fickling, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward Hope, Manning, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Rhett, Roberds, Sharpe, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Boykin, Cannon, DeLoach, Mazyck, McAliley, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 20.

In the negative, 10.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act, and that it be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. APPLEBY having asked to record his vote upon the question of agreeing to the Bill to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad, leave was granted by the Senate, and upon the Clerk's calling his name, that gentleman voted in the negative.

The reading of the Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, was resumed.

Mr. ALLEN moved to amend, by striking out the word "two," before "dollars," in the 6th line of the 7th section, and to insert "one;" which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Cannon, Hope, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, Sharpe, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Barnes, Blakeney, Boykin, DeLoach, Fickling, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Manning, Mazyck, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 12.

In the negative, 20.

The amendment was consequently not agreed to.

Mr. FICKLING moved to amend the eighth section, by striking out all after the words "shall be," to the words "and the Provost Marshal of each District," and inserting "obtained from the public Treasury of the State;" which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, DeLoach, Fickling, E. G. Palmer, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Manning, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Sessions, Sharpe, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 6.

In the negative, 26.

The amendment was consequently not agreed to.

The reading of the Bill having been concluded, upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Barnes, Blakeney, Boykin, DeLoach, Fickling, Garlington, Heyward, Manning, Mazyek, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, Ware, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Beaty, Cannon, Harrison, Hope, McAliley, McCaw, Moses, Sessions, and Sharpe.

In the affirmative, 21.

In the negative, 10.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. ALSTON offered the following preamble and resolution, which was ordered for consideration on Monday:

Whereas, The Congress of the Confederate States, in response to the earnest and prompt message of the President, has appropriated the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, as an advance on account of any claim of the State of South Carolina upon the Confederate States, and that the sum be paid to such persons as may be authorized by the Legislature of South Carolina to receive the same; therefore,

Resolved, That the General Assembly of South Carolina hereby authorizes the Governor to appoint such person as he may deem fit, to receive the sum.

appropriated by the Congress of the Confederate States, to be appropriated or disposed of as the General Assembly shall thereafter direct.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at five minutes past 10 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1861.

The Senate met at 12. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of Saturday.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Pringle.

ADDITIONAL SENATOR:

Hon. W. R. JOHNSON, Senator from Marion, appeared in his place in the Senate Chamber.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That Gen. N. G. Evans be invited to a seat on the floor of the Senate, and that a Committee be appointed to inform him of the same.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, and agreed to, and Messrs. Blakeney, Sessions, and Montgomery were appointed the Committee.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. Wm. C. Freeman, for a *post mortem* examination ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate granted leave of absence to the Senator from St. Peter's Parish from and after Wednesday, for the remainder of the session.

Pursuant to notice, and with leave of the Senate, Mr. ARTHUR introduced,

A Bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Columbia ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, in which it had concurred :

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the petition of Martha McGraw, praying arrearages of pension ; also,

The report of the Joint Committee

On the resolution as to relief to the sufferers by the late fire in Charleston.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following papers :

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Dr. Edward B. Smith, for the examination of a lunatic; which was referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On the account of A. G. Fink, for public printing;

On the account of Hayden & Whilden, for \$45;

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for book binding;

On the account of E. J. McDaniel, for public printing; and,

On the account of R. S. Desports, Administrator, for public printing; which were severally referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

A Bill to suspend certain Acts providing for a Code of the Statute Laws of South Carolina, received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company in South Carolina," ratified on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1857, and for other purposes, received the first reading and was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to incorporate the Florence and Fayetteville Railroad Company received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Message No. 6, of his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, and, on motion of Mr. ALLEN, was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

MESSAGE NO. 6.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, }
December 16th, 1861.

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit a communication from his Excellency Governor Brown, of Georgia. It shows that the Legislature of our sister State has appropriated one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of the sufferers in Charleston by the recent fire. The gratitude and thanks of the State are

due for this noble act of munificence on the part of our sister State. Our people will feel it deeply, and it will add another link to the bright chain which binds the two States together in one common destiny. Such acts belong only to a manly and brave people.

I here take occasion to say, that on the tenth day of last January, the day after the *Star of the West* was fired into from our batteries, there was not a place in all Georgia, that was near to the telegraph, but what sent to me its offers, by hundreds, for an immediate march to Charleston. It touched my heart deeply, for I felt that the haughty spirit of a free and heroic people had filled, as with electric fluid, her whole air, from the snowy crest of her rugged mountains, even to the orange groves that bloom over her sunny plains, stretching to the far southern border. I felt that we were safe, and that we must be free, for in every Georgian's heart I felt a brother's beat, and in every Georgian's hand there was the grasp of the gleaming blade for a brother's wrongs.

In the early history of our colonies, when Georgia was weak, we sent our troops to act with the illustrious Oglethorpe in defending his country from the Spaniards on one side, and to drive back the savages on the other. Some of our men accompanied him even in his expedition against Saint Augustine. And in our first war for independence we sent a regiment to the siege of Savannah, which was nearly annihilated in the attack. And after Augusta had been in possession of our enemies for near three years, we sent an efficient force to the siege, which aided in reducing that city to our possession. We also sent a force to join her commanders over Savannah River, above Petersburg, and the joint forces fought together the celebrated battle of Kettle Creek, which rescued that portion of Georgia from the Tories. So, too, her commanders and forces were with ours in the upper country, more or less, throughout the Revolution. Georgia was the first State, after the adoption of the Federal Constitution, that demanded an amendment to that instrument, limiting the power of the Central Government, by preventing a State from being sued. In eighteen hundred and twenty-four she gave us the first real practical lesson in State rights, and, under her able and patriotic statesmen of that day, defied the assuming power of the Federal Government. She, on that occasion, through her intrepid Troupe, announced the memorable words: "The argument is exhausted, and we will stand to our arms."

And in the late bloody battles of Virginia, no troops have shown more daring courage in every position than have the Georgians. Whether in the remote mountain gorges of Western Virginia, or on the banks of the Potomac, her sons have fought everywhere with a recklessness and brave soldiery that has never been surpassed by any people. She suffered more terrible losses on the plains of Manassas than any other State.

Nearly two of her gallant regiments were literally cut to pieces, and although her immortal Bartow fell at their head, yet it was with the flag of his country as his winding sheet, and the shout of defiance and victory as the last note that touched the warrior's ear as he sank into the tomb of his glory.

Under all these circumstances, it is peculiarly grateful to us to receive this new evidence of her cordial sympathy with us. We are one and the same people—in climate, soil and productions—in all the great interests and duties of life we are one and the same, and, under the blessings of Providence, I trust that no events will occur to separate us through all time to come.

F. W. PICKENS.

The Senate proceeded to the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Special Committee of the Senate, in relation to members of this body who hold office in the Military service of the State or of the Confederate States, was passed over.

The General Orders were suspended; and

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the report of the Judiciary Committee of the House, on a resolution concerning the removal of the public records and prisoners; and,

On a Bill to provide for the better government of slaves; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES also presented the report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy on a certain child of Mary Mullinax; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed; and .

On the resolution in relation to the inexpediency of filling the vacancy on the Chancery Bench, occasioned by the election of the Hon B. F. Dunkin to the Appeal Bench; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on the Judiciary, reported

A Bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a Secretary of the Treasury; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Message No. 7, of His Excellency the Governor, was received and read, and on motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations, and ordered to be printed.

MESSAGE NO. 7.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
December 16, 1861. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I have received the accompanying communication from his Excellency the Governor of Tennessee, with a request to lay it before you :

There is no doubt that there would be great propriety in recommending our people to plant as largely of grain as possible in the coming year, but I doubt very much the wisdom or policy of any Government ever interfering, with positive authority, to direct the labor of the people. Common sense and common interest are, as a general rule, the best guides to all agricultural labors. We are at a great turning point in our history, and it is an obvious necessity that the people of the Confederate States, in their present separate independence, must enlarge their cultivation and production of wool, wheat, Indian corn, and the grasses. They would thus not only add to our resources, but greatly beautify and improve our country.

The public mind has, in some degree, over-estimated the essential importance of our cotton to England and France, in supposing that, if deprived of it, they would be forced to interfere in this contest with our enemies. They will be governed solely by their interests, and great, undoubtedly, as their manufacturing and commercial embarrassment would be from being cut off from our cotton, yet they will calculate if they will lose more from that than they would from a war with the United States, which might place their rich and immense commerce at the mercy of Northern privateers, under the guide of a lawless and abandoned Government.

Another consideration is also forcing itself upon the English mind, and that is, the hope that, even if their manufacturers of cotton, and those dependent upon its trade, should be involved in present embarrassment and probable ruin, yet it may result in forcing up new sources of supply for the raw material from their own dominions in the East, and finally relieving them from such absolute dependence upon us hereafter. This may prove delusive, but at present it has its weight in preventing their Government from taking any decided steps to open our ports, which might lead to a war that would place their commerce at the mercy of privateers from every disaffected nation. Nations seldom pursue any policy, except such as mere interest dictates. The progressive power and rather leveling principles of the United States have, for the last twenty-five years, seriously disturbed the apprehension, and interfered with the views, of England and France as to this Continent, and they will both be disposed now not to interfere in any positive manner, as to opening our ports and trade, until both parties

and sections are so far exhausted in their finances and resources as to enable them, when they do interfere, to be felt as *quasi* Protectorates.

Under these circumstances, it might be very important to us, if peace should be concluded, or trade freely opened, that we should hold a large supply of cotton on hand, so as to secure the continued monopoly of the market in Europe, and, by having a large supply, to break down immediately any new sources of supply that may have been forced up from other countries under the artificial stimulus given to its production by blockade and war measures.

F. W. PICKENS.

[COPY.]

JOINT RESOLUTION

TO TAKE STEPS TO OPEN THE PORTS OF THE SOUTH TO THE COMMERCE OF THE WORLD.

Resolved, by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, That as the sense of this Legislature, the following propositions are submitted for the consideration of the planters of the South, and all others whom it may concern :

First, That the present cotton crop of the Southern States is, to at least two of the leading powers of Europe, *a national necessity.*

Second, That, as under present circumstances, it seems improbable that this crop can be disposed of, the planting of another will place two crops on hand for sale at once.

Third, That the purchase of these two crops by the European powers, above referred to, will give them a supply for two years, so that at any time, when about to purchase the third crop, and having one year's stock to run upon, and the planter being unable to hold his third crop until they are compelled to buy, they will have it in their power to dictate the price and terms of sale.

Fourth, That on the other hand, the European powers, before mentioned, having exhausted their present supply, and another crop not being raised when those powers come into the market to buy, as they *must* and *will*, if we adopt this policy, the planters holding the great staple, which is a necessity to them, they will not only be compelled to buy, but also to pay a remunerative price.

Fifth, The armies of the South cannot subsist on cotton, but must have bread and meat, and while the interest of the cotton planter calls to him to plant no more cotton than will supply the home consumption, patriotism imperatively demands that his whole force should be turned into channels

in which he can contribute to the wants and wastes of a war of which none can predict the end.

Sixth, That the vital interests herein involved may be submitted to the enlightened judgment of the South, the Governor of this State is requested to forward, forthwith, a copy of these resolutions to the President of the Confederate States, who is herein requested to submit them to Congress, and also the several Governors of the Confederate States, who are herein requested to submit them to their respective Legislatures when convened.

(Signed) EDWIN A. KEEBLE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

(Signed) EDWARD S. CHEATHAM,
Speaker of the Senate.

(Adopted November 30th, 1861.)

The General Orders were resumed.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the report of the Special Committee of the Senate in relation to members of this body who hold office in the military service of the State, or of the Confederate States, be indefinitely postponed; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Bull, DeLoach, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Irby, Lesesne, Mazyck, McKewn, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Watson, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Arthur, Beaty, Cannon, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, McAiley, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Roberds, Sessions, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 14.

The report was therefore ordered to be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Special Committee of the two Houses,

On the subject of appointing a suitable day for the adjournment of this General Assembly; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. HARRISON presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special Joint Committee of six from each House—one being taken from each Congressional District—to inquire and report upon the expediency and the means of providing employment for the slaves on the sea-board, whom it may be necessary to remove from the plantations in consequence of the invasion of the enemy.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Messrs. Harrison, Moses, McAliley, Blakeney, Lesesne, Allen and Garlington, were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the following papers, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On the petition of Rev. A. W. Leland, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected;

On the petition of the Rev. J. H. Thornwell and John B. Adger, praying to be refunded a tax illegally exacted of them;

On resolution in relation to the Banks of the State;

On an abstract of Transient Poor supported or relieved by the City Council of Charleston, for the years 1860 and 1861; also, of expenditures on account of the poor;

On so much of his Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 1, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as refers to Banks and loans on cotton;

On the petition of a Committee of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, asking a continuance of the appropriation for the support of that institution;

On the report of the Joint Committee appointed to examine the Bank of the State of South Carolina;

On the report of the President and Directors of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company;

On a Bill to equalize the system of taxation, by establishing a uniform "*ad valorem*" duty on all property recognized as such by the laws of this State;

On a Bill to extend an Act entitled An Act to postpone the operation of the 3d section of an Act entitled An Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes, ratified on the 21st day of December, in the year of our Lord 1857; and for other purposes;

On a Bill to provide relief for the families of soldiers in service; and

On a Bill to authorize the Banks to extend their loans to the people of this State; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. McALILEY, also presented the report of the same Committee, on

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one; and,

On a Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

The former of which was made the Special Order, for to-day, at a quarter-past 7, P. M., and the latter the Special Order immediately thereafter; also,

The report of the same Committee, on

A Bill to authorize the issue of stock, to the amount of one million eight hundred thousand dollars, for the military defence of the State, and for other purposes; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the petition of citizens of Darlington District, against the establishment of a new road; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LESESNE presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Charleston, praying a charter for a new Insurance and Trust Company; which was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

Mr. ARTHUR presented the report of the Committee on the New State House,

On the petition of John A. Kay, praying the suspension of a certain suit at law against him in the name of the State, or to be allowed to set up discount in said suit, for moneys due him by the State; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

At five minutes past 3, P. M., the Senate, on motion of Mr. HOPE suspended business until 7, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

PAPERS FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message, which was ordered to *lie on the table* until called for :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 16, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives has adopted the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be referred to a Special Committee of three members to inquire and report upon the expediency and the means of providing employment for the slaves on the sea-board, whom it may be necessary to remove from the plantations, in consequence of the invasion of the enemy; and that a message be sent to the Senate, asking the appointment of a similar Committee to act with the Committee of this House on the subject."

The following members have been appointed a Committee of three by this House: Messrs. Boylston, Whaley and Kirk.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The following resolution, which was ordered for consideration to-morrow :

Resolved, That a Commission, to consist of five planters, be appointed by the Governor, whose duty it shall be to ascertain the character and value of property which has been, or may be, destroyed by the enemy, or by order of State or Confederate authority, or by the voluntary action of owners, to prevent its falling into the enemy's possession during the existing war, and to report to the Legislature at the next session thereof.

The report of the Special Joint Committee of the two Houses,

On the subject of appointing a suitable day for the adjournment of the General Assembly ; which was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to amend, as to certain persons, the 28th section of an Act ratified December eighteenth, eighteen hundred and forty, entitled "An Act to ascertain and define the powers, duties and liabilities, of Masters, Commissioners, and Registers in Equity, and to provide for the organization and regulation of their respective offices;" which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty and for other purposes;" which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act, and returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to encourage the manufacture of salt within this State; which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called and an Act, and sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES gave notice, that he will to-morrow ask leave to introduce

A Bill to afford relief to the families of soldiers.

At a quarter-past 7 o'clock, P. M., the Senate proceeded to the consideration of

THE SPECIAL ORDER FOR THIS HOUR.

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

The Bill being before the Senate, on the second reading, Mr. ARTHUR asked leave to amend the Bill, by inserting the words, "also one hundred dollars for error in appropriation of last year," after the word "dollar," in the 5th line of the 6th section; which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. MOSES moved to insert the following amendment to the 9th section ; which was agreed to :

For James L. Petigru, Esq., for salary for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, as Commissioner to make a Code of the Statute Law of South Carolina, five thousand dollars ; and, also, for the services of one assistant, two thousand dollars, to be paid to him as directed by "An Act further to provide for a Code of the Statute Law of South Carolina, ratified on the nineteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine."

Mr. McALILEY also moved the following amendment to the same section :

After the words "That the Treasurer of the Lower Division be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed," to insert : To pay the interest due on Bonds of several Railroad Companies guaranteed by the State, thirty thousand dollars, if so much be necessary : *Provided*, No such interest shall be paid on Bonds owned by citizens of the United States, or other alien enemies, at any time since the twenty-first day of May last ;

Which amendment was agreed to.

The reading of the Bill having been concluded, it was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McALILEY presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the 26th rule of the Senate be suspended, in order to amend, on the third reading,

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate adjourned at ten minutes past 10 o'clock, P. M.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1861,

The Senate met at 12, M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Thornwell.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully concurs in the resolutions adopted by Senate, proposing the appointment of a Special Joint Committee of six, one from each Congressional District, to inquire and report upon the expediency and means of finding employment for the slaves on the sea-board, whom it may be necessary to remove from the plantations in consequence of the invasion by the enemy; and on the part of the House, the following Committee has been appointed, to act with Senate's Committee, viz: Messrs. Boylston, Whaley, Aldrich, Macfarlan, Lipscomb, and Hoke.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

Also, the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 17, 1861.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The following resolutions, reported by the Committee of Ways and Means, have been adopted by the House of Representatives:

Resolved, That the aid heretofore granted to the Marine School of Charleston be continued, to the amount of six thousand dollars.

Resolved, That a message be sent to the Senate, asking leave of that body to amend the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, by striking out "five," and inserting, in lieu thereof, "six."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

A message, granting leave to amend, was returned accordingly.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On "A Bill to suspend certain Acts providing for a Code of the Statute Law of South Carolina;" also,

The report of the same Committee,

On "A Bill to amend the 28th section of an Act, ratified December 18, 1840, entitled An Act to ascertain and define the powers, duties and liabilities of Masters, Commissioners and Registers in Equity, and to provide for the organization and regulation of their respective offices; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. LESESNE presented the petition of Samuel Y. Tupper and others, praying a charter for a new insurance company in the City of Charleston; also,

The petition of William McBurney and others, praying a charter for a new insurance company in the City of Charleston, to be called the "Planters and Merchants Insurance Company;" which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of Dr. Edward B. Smith; also,

The report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion,

On a Bill to amend the law as to the election of officers in the South Carolina College; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company in South Carolina," ratified on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1857, and for other purposes; also,

The report of the Committee, on the College, Education and Religion,

On a Bill to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Columbia; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. FURMAN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for services rendered prisoners in jail; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Special Committee of the Senate on certain rooms in the New State Capitol, as to their fitness for the reception of public documents; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. ARTHUR,

A Bill to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Columbia, was taken up for a second reading, and the reading having been concluded, it was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills, which received the first reading, and were referred as follows:

A Bill to grant immunity to free persons of color who shall return to this State, from certain penalties now provided by law, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to regulate the reports of Railroad Companies, and for other purposes; and,

A Bill to incorporate certain Societies, Associations and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others, were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to sanction the issue of small notes made by the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and to authorize further issues of the same, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to incorporate certain Religious and Charitable Societies, and Societies for the advancement of education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate, with its concurrence, the following papers:

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the petition of Dr. R. J. Muirhead, praying compensation for *post mortem* examination; and,

The report of the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the manufacture of cannon, small arms, and gunpowder, and the raising and manufacture of wool within the State, recommending a liberal patronage of home establishments.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate for concurrence,

The report of the Committee on Public Buildings, on the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Richland District, praying an appropriation for a new Court House; which was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

The report of the Committee on Accounts, on a resolution instructing the Treasurer of the Lower Division to pay over a former appropriation to Thos. C. Moody; which was referred to the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the petition of Rev. J. H. Thornwell and Rev. J. B. Adger, asking to be refunded taxes illegally collected; which was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, being before the Senate on the second reading,

Mr. ALLEN moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and to substitute in place thereof, the following amendment:

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same,* That the taxes of this State shall hereafter be imposed with reference to the actual value of property; and for the purpose of ascertaining the value of all property hereinafter declared subject to taxation, it shall be the duty of the several Tax Collectors of the State, in their respective Tax Districts, to make an assessment of the value of all such property, which assessment shall be made with reference to the actual value of the same, on the first day of January last preceeding any such assessment.

SEC. 2. That said assessment shall include all lands, with the improvements thereon, (except churches, academies and colleges, and the lots on which they are situated,) all village, town and city lots, with the improvements thereon, if any; all mills and factories, with their machinery; all slaves; live stock of all kinds; carriages and all other vehicles for pleasure; omnibuses, and other vehicles kept for hire or for the transportation of passengers; wagons, carts and drays; all household furniture, including silver plate and ware; all merchandise and stocks in trade, of whatsoever kind; all gold and silver watches; all wines and liquors, distilled, fermented or malt, of whatsoever name; all stocks and bonds, whether of the State, of the Confederate States, of Banks, Insurance or Railroad Companies, or of public or private corporations, or companies of any kind; all rolling stock of railroads; all money in hand; all notes, mortgages, or other investments of money at interest; all salaries and incomes of office, including office fees, whether of officers of the State or of the Confederate States, of private, public or municipal corporations and companies; of professors, teachers, and other officers of colleges, schools, seminaries, academies, or other institutions of learning, civil, religious or military; all incomes of professional occupations, whether of law, medicine, civil engineering, architecture, or dentistry; all salaries of editors; all salaries and wages of clerks, salesmen, or other persons in the employment of another at stated wages; of overseers, superintendents and agents; all book hawkers on the cars; auctioneers, and peddlers of all kinds; all salaries, incomes or fees, of artisans, mechanics, or master workmen, when the same amount to the sum of per annum; as also all other species and kinds of property, real and personal, other than the unmanufactured products of the farm, owned or possessed by any citizen of this State, for himself, or in trust for another, and on all incomes, of whatsoever name or kind.

SEC. 3. That the several Tax Collectors are hereby required to meet the tax-payers on at least two days, in each Beat Company, and at such other convenient places as may be appointed, after due publication of the same, for the purpose of receiving returns and making assessments; and it shall

be the duty of the tax-payers to meet their respective Collectors at such times and places, and furnish, upon oath or affirmation, to said Collector, schedules of their respective property, herein subjected to taxation; and the said Collector, upon completing the assessments aforesaid, which shall not be later than the tenth day of March, in any year, shall forthwith forward to the Comptroller General a schedule, showing the aggregate value of the taxable property in their respective Districts, and shall also file, in the office of the Clerk of the Court, a schedule of the names of the tax-payers resident in each Judicial District, with the sums assessed against each upon which a tax is to be collected.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the Comptroller General, upon receiving the assessments hereinbefore provided for, to aggregate the same, and ascertain the per centage thereon which it will be necessary to collect to meet the expenditures of the fiscal year; and upon ascertaining the same, forthwith to order the Collectors of the State to collect the said per centage on the assessments of their respective Districts, and return the same to the Treasury, as now required by law.

SEC. 5. That if any tax-payer shall be dissatisfied with the assessment made of his property by the Collector, he may appeal, and the matter shall then be referred by the Collector to a Board, consisting of the Clerk of the Court, the Commissioner in Equity, and the Ordinary of the Judicial District, who are hereby authorized to hear and determine such appeals, and whose decree shall be final. And it shall be the duty of such Board, or a majority of them, to assemble promptly at the office of the Clerk of the Court, on notice of such appeal, and to hear and determine the same; and for their services in this behalf, the said Board shall be entitled to a fee of

dollars on each case of appeal, to be collected by the Tax Collector from the party appealing, and paid over to the said Board.

SEC. 6. That for default of duty in any matters required by this Act, the Tax Collectors and tax-payers shall be liable to the same penalties as heretofore provided by law for such case of default, and shall, besides, be subject to indictment as for a misdemeanor, and punished in the discretion of the Court.

Upon the question of agreeing to the amendment, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Arthur, Blakeney, DeLoach, Fickling, Garlington, Harrison, Irby, Lesesne, McKewn, Moses, Roberds, and Sharpe.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Cannon, Dantzler, Furman, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, Mazyek, McAliley, McCaw, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, Watson, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 15.

In the negative, 22.

The amendment was consequently not agreed to.

Mr. RIETT moved to amend the first section by inserting the words "and such other land as shall have been abandoned by the owners in consequence of the action of the military authorities," before the words "shall be exempt," which amendment was agreed to.

Mr. HARRISON moved to strike out the words "Fifty dollars on each still used for the distillation of spirituous liquors," in the amendment made by the Senate at the close of the first section, and to insert in its place "Twenty cents per gallon on all spirituous liquors made or vended in this State;" which amendment was not agreed to.

The reading of the bill having been concluded, it was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1, P. M.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Special Order for this hour, Message No. 6, of his Excellency the Governor.

Mr. ALLEN presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were ordered for consideration to-morrow:

That whereas The General Assembly of the State of Georgia have, through his Excellency, Gov., Joseph E. Brown, donated to the sufferers by the recent fire in the city of Charleston the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and that, under all the circumstances and conditions of things now existing, this act of extraordinary sympathy for, and munificence towards, the distressed people of our beloved metropolis, overwhelmed as they are now by the ravages of a conflagration of great severity and extent, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Legislature, entertaining the most grateful appreciation of this demonstration of the good people of our noble, gallant and patriotic sister State of Georgia, do hereby tender to them, through their chivalric Governor, Joseph E. Brown, the profoundest acknowledgements of our gratitude and admiration, for this well-timed and generous expression of solicitude for our welfare.

Resolved, That the Clerks of both Houses of this General Assembly be instructed to procure the flag and coat-of-arms of the State of Georgia, and to place them over the presiding Chairs of each branch of this Capitol.

Resolved, That the Commissioner of the New State Capitol be instructed to place the coat-of-arms and the escutcheon of the State of Georgia over the door of the Executive Chamber thereof, "*in perpetuum rei*," as a testimony of our regard for their great munificence and philanthropy.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to his Excellency Governor Joseph E. Brown, with the request that he lay them before the Legislature.

On motion of Mr MOSES, leave of absence was granted by the Senate to Senator from St. Andrew's Parish, from and after to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Pickens, from and after to-day for the remainder of the session, on account of military duty; also,

To the Senator from Christ Church, from and after to-day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. BULL presented the report of the Committee on the Legislative Library; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. MOSES moved that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the General Orders, and the same was ordered.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate then, at 3 o'clock, P. M., suspended business until 7 o'clock, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the President resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A Bill to protect the persons and property of volunteers who are now in, or may hereafter be in, the service of their country, against vexatious lawsuits and executions, and to grant aid to such of their families as may require support, was before the Senate on the second reading; all after the enacting clause was stricken out, and the amendment of the Committee on the Judiciary substituted; and the title of the bill changed so as to read, "A Bill to afford aid to the families of soldiers."

It was moved to strike out the word "twenty" in the second section, before the words "per centum on the General State Tax," and to insert "fifty," which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Arthur, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, DeLoach, Garlington, Heyward, McAliley, Montgomery, Moses, Sessions, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Boykin, Bull, Cannon, Dantzler, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, Mazyek, McCaw, McKewn, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Roberds, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 13.

In the negative, 19.

The motion was therefore lost, and the word not stricken out.

Mr. MOSES moved to add the following amendments as additional sections:

SEC. 7. And said Boards shall make returns of their receipts and expenditures to the Court of Common Pleas of their respective Districts, at the fall term thereof, and shall be liable to the same penalties for default or neglect of duty as the other District Boards are now liable according to law.

SEC. 8. That each of the said Boards shall consist of not more than ten nor less than five persons, to be appointed by joint resolution of the General Assembly, to continue in office for one year.

Which amendments were agreed to, and the reading having been concluded, the Bill was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State, and for other purposes, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to prevent forestalling and extortion in the sales of provisions and necessary articles of consumption, and to authorize their seizure for public use, received the second reading, and

Mr. RHETT moved that the Bill do lie on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Arthur, Barker, Blake-ney, Boykin, DeLoach, Johnson, Lesesne, Mazyek, McAliley, Moses, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Beaty, Cannon, Dantzler, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 15.

In the negative, 13.

The Bill was consequently ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the General Orders were suspended, and the following Bills, from the House of Representatives, received the first

reading, and were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

A Bill to incorporate the Insurance and Trust Company of Charleston, and the Calhoun Insurance Company.

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Insurance Company, and

A Bill to incorporate the Trenholm Mutual Insurance Company.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill for re-building the city of Charleston, after the recent conflagration; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The Special Joint Committee, on a resolution of inquiry upon the expediency and means of providing employment for the slaves on the seaboard, whom it may be necessary to remove, in consequence of the invasion of the enemy, reported

A Bill to provide for the security of the property of the citizens of the State; which received the first reading, and was made the Special Order for to-morrow, at half-past 1 o'clock, P. M., and was ordered to be printed.

The Senate granted leave of absence to the Senator from Prince Williams from and after Friday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. McKEWN, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate adjourned at 11 o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1861.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Taylor.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill to incorporate the "Insurance and Trust Company of Charleston," and the Calhoun Insurance Company; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to incorporate the Carolina Insurance Company; and,

On a Bill to incorporate the Trenholm Mutual Insurance Company; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the account of Evans & Cogwell, for stationery, &c., furnished the Senate; also,

The contingent account of State House Keeper, for 1861; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of Richard Williams and wife, and others, praying compensation for land escheated by the State, and

On a Bill to grant immunity to free persons of color who shall return to this State, from certain penalties now provided by law; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, reported

A Bill to charter the Planters' and Merchants' Insurance Company; which received the first reading, and was ordered for a second reading to-morrow.

Mr. ALSTON presented the report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On a resolution of inquiry as to the number of Pay and State Cadets in the Military School, and in relation to a change of system, by means of which a larger number of State Cadets could be admitted; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A resolution appointing Hon. W. G. DeSaussure, Secretary of the Treasury, as Agent of the State, to receive the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, appropriated by Congress; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives; also,

The report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,

On Message No. 6. of his Excellency the Governor, with the accompanying documents, communicating the action of the Legislature of the State of Georgia, appropriating one hundred thousand dollars for the relief of the sufferers in Charleston in the recent fire; which was referred to the Special Committee on Message No. 6, of his Excellency the Governor.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate, with its concurrence, the following papers:

- The petition of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, for a continuance of aid.

The report of the Special Joint Committee of the two Houses,

On the subject of appointing a suitable day for the adjournment of the General Assembly.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to re-build the city of Charleston ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow ; also,

The report of the Committee on the New State House,

On the Annual Report of the Commissioner and Architect ; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petitions of the Rev. J. H. Thornwell and Rev. J. B. Adger, asking to be refunded taxes illegally collected ; and

The report of the same Committee,

On a Bill to sanction the issue of small notes made by the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and to authorize further issues of the same, were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion,

On the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Treasurer of the South Carolina College, for 1860 and 1861, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. WARE, the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On various memorials and petitions, asking the incorporation of certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted ; and

The report of the same Committee,

On various petitions and memorials to incorporate certain associations and companies, and for other purposes, were recommitted to the Committee.

The report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the petition of the City Council of Columbia, to be refunded money paid for the State, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The Report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,

On the Governor's Message and accompanying documents ; and

The report of the Committee of the House of Representatives,

In relation to property destroyed by orders of Confederate officers, were passed over.

A Bill to provide for the payment by the State of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax payers in this State, being before the Senate on the second reading,

Mr. MAZYCK proposed the following amendments: At the end of the first section, to add the words "or such other day as may be appointed by authority of the Confederate States; which amendment was agreed to; also,

To add the following amendment at the close of the Bill:

SEC. 1. Whenever any person, company or corporation shall, at the request of the owner of any property subject to the said tax, or his or her agent, attorney, trustee or guardian, pay the same for such owner, or lend or advance the money required to pay the same, and the tax shall be therewith actually paid, the person, company or corporation making such payment, loan or advance, shall have the same lien on the property on which the tax is paid for the repayment of the sum so paid, or advanced, or lent, with lawful interest thereon, that the State would have for the tax if the same were not paid; which said lien shall continue and be effective for two years, unless the sums so paid, lent or advanced be sooner repaid, and the receipt of the Tax Collector, with the acknowledgement of the owner of the property, his or her agent, attorney, trustee or guardian, endorsed thereon, and attested by the Tax Collector, shall be sufficient evidence of such lien, and shall authorize the holder thereof, at any time within _____ years from the time of such payment, loan or advance, to require the Tax Collector to issue his warrant, directing the Sheriff to levy the money so paid, advanced or lent, with interest thereon, out of the said property.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of facilitating the payment and collection of the said tax, the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina shall lend to the owners of property subject to the same, upon the application of such owners, or their agents, attorneys, trustees, or guardians, the money required for paying the said tax, and shall have the same lien as aforesaid to secure the repayment of such loans; and the said loans shall be repaid by quarterly instalments of one-tenth of the original amount of the respective loans, which shall be applied, first, to the interest accrued at the time of paying any such instalment; and the said lien shall continue and be effective until the respective loans are fully repaid; and whenever two instalments of any such loan shall be in arrear or unpaid, the said President and Directors shall be authorized to require the Tax Collector to issue his warrant for levying the whole amount of such loan out of the property subject to the tax: *Provided*, That the said President and Directors, after having made such loans as aforesaid, to the amount of _____ hundred

thousand dollars, shall not be bound to make any further such loans, unless they think proper so to do.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for the said President and Directors to issue notes or certificates, which shall be receivable for the sums therein expressed, in payment of all taxes and other dues to the State, and also in payment of all debts due to the said Bank, and shall not be in the form of promises to pay, but shall purport that they will be received in payments to the State and the said Bank as aforesaid, and shall be signed by such person or persons as the said President and Directors may designate or appoint for that purpose: *Provided*, That the amount of such notes or certificates so to be issued shall not exceed the amount of loans which may be made by the said Banks for the payment of the said tax, in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

The reading of the Bill was then suspended, in order that the amendment might be printed.

The resolution in relation to the appointment of proper persons to receive the sum appropriated by Congress to be placed at the disposal of the State of South Carolina, was, on motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, ordered to *lie on the table*.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Special Order for half-past 1, P. M., was discharged, and made the Special Order for to-day, at a quarter-past 7, P. M.

The report of the Judiciary Committee, of the House, on a resolution concerning the removal of public records and prisoners, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT laid before the Senate the following communication; which was passed over:

To the Honorable the President and Senate

of the State of South Carolina:

GENTLEMEN: In addition to my report to the Adjutant General, transmitted to you with the Executive Documents, I beg leave to add the following recommendation:

The presence of the enemy within our borders, and the large accession of troops in our army admonish us of the necessity of extensive hospital preparation for the aid and comfort of the latter.

The present local arrangements of the Confederate hospitals are entirely inadequate, and I respectfully urge that an immediate organization be made of a State Hospital, at Columbia. It is the most eligible position—away from the excitement of the camps—where several railroads meet—and is about the same distance from Charleston as Manassa from Richmond, where

the general and other Confederate hospitals are located. I feel it my duty to call your attention to this important matter, which should be immediately attended to.

I need scarcely remind you of the sad neglect of early preparation by the Confederate Government, of necessary hospitals, which has been so lamentably felt in the neighborhood of our armies.

Respectfully,

R. W. GIBBES, M. D.,
Surgeon General of South Carolina.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. Wm. C. Freeman, for a *post mortem* examination, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to provide for the better government of slaves, was passed over.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the resolution in relation to the inexpediency of filling the vacancy on the Chancery Bench, occasioned by the election of the Hon. B. F. Dunkin to the Appeal Bench, being before the Senate,

Mr. MOSES proposed to add the following amendment to the resolution recommended by the Committee: "and that the clerks do communicate a copy of the resolution, when passed, to the Chief Justice;" which was agreed to.

The report, as amended, was then agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Rev. A. W. Leland, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected, was agreed to.

A Bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a Secretary of the Treasury, having been read,

Mr. MAZYCK moved to strike out all after the enacting clause, and to insert the following:

That the Treasurer of the Lower Division shall be charged with the duty of disbursing the fund appropriated for the military defence of the State, and to countersign all orders for the payment of money out of the said fund, to take vouchers for the same, and keep a proper account of all his transactions, subject to the supervision and control of the Governor. And the said Treasurer, in consideration of such service, shall receive, annually, the sum of five hundred dollars in addition to his present salary.

Mr. MOSES moved to lay the amendment on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Blakeney, Boykin, Pickling, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Beaty, Cannon, Dantzler, DeLoach, Furman, Hope, and Mazyck.

In the affirmative, 23.

In the negative, 9.

The amendment was therefore ordered to *lie on the table*.

Upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, it was decided affirmatively, and it was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy on a certain child of Mary Mullinax, was passed over.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Rev. J. H. Thornwell and J. B. Adger, praying to be refunded a tax illegally exacted of them, was agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, the Senate, at five minutes to 3, P. M., suspended business until 7, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M. the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. BLAKENEY presented the following resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That Thomas E. Powe, John F. Matheson and Thomas C. Law be appointed proxies of the State, of whom one or more shall be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to represent the stock owned by the State in the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company, at all meetings of the said Company during the year commencing with the day of the final adjournment of the General Assembly at the present session.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the Special Order for a quarter-past 7, was temporarily postponed.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the following Bills were taken up for a second reading, and the reading having been concluded, they were agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to incorporate the Insurance and Trust Company of Charleston, and the Calhoun Insurance Company.

A Bill to incorporate the Trenholm Mutual Insurance Company.

A Bill to regulate the reports of Railroad Companies, and for other purposes; and

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Insurance Company.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

A Bill to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Columbia; which, having been amended on the third reading, was referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

On motion of Mr. LESESNE, the Senate reconsidered the vote on

A Bill to incorporate the Insurance and Trust Company, and the following amendment to the 32d section was adopted:

SEC. 32. The Board of Directors are hereby empowered to call in the remaining instalments on the shares of the capital stock, in such sums and at such times as they may deem advisable, provided two weeks' notice be given of each call. And the said instalments shall be payable in the same manner as hereinbefore provided as to the first instalment of five dollars.

Also, on

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Insurance Company; and the following amendment to the 16th section was adopted:

And the said instalments shall be payable in the same manner as hereinbefore provided as to the first instalment of five dollars.

The Bills, as amended, were then agreed to, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to charter a Cotton Planters' Loan Association; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

A Bill to suspend the collection of debts, the Statute of Limitations, and notice of protest; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

The report of the Comptroller General on the Contingent Accounts of the Upper Division.

The reading of the report was dispensed with, and it was ordered to lie on the table for the inspection of Senators.

A Bill to incorporate the Mutual Insurance Company of Columbia, received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Special Order for quarter-past 7 o'clock, P. M., was again deferred.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the General Orders.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to confer the rights of legitimacy on a certain child of Mary Mullinax, was ordered to *lie on the table*. The Bill was taken up for a second reading, and the reading having been concluded, the Bill was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The resolutions in relation to the Banks of the State, were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on an abstract of Transient Poor supported or relieved by the City Council of Charleston for the years of 1860 and 1861; also, of expenditures on account of the Poor, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the report of the Joint Committee appointed to examine the Bank of the State of South Carolina, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the report of the President and Directors of the Blue Ridge Railroad Company, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, on the petition of a Committee of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, asking a continuance of the appropriation for the support of that institution, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the same Committee, on so much of his Excellency the Governor's Message No. 1, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as refers to Banks and loans on cotton, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to extend an Act entitled an Act to postpone the operation of the third section of an Act for the suspension of certain sections of certain Acts, and for other purposes, ratified on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1857, and for other purposes, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to provide relief for the families of soldiers in service, and

A Bill to authorize the Banks to extend their loans to the people of this State, were ordered to *lie on the table*.

A Bill to authorize the issue of Stock to the amount of one million eight hundred thousand dollars, for the Military Defence of the State, and for other purposes, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on Roads and Buildings was discharged from the further consideration of the petition of citizens of Darlington District, against the establishment of a new road.

The report of the Committee on the New State House on the petition of John A. Kay, praying the suspension of a certain suit at law against him in the name of the State, or to be allowed to set up a discount in said suit, for moneys due him by the State, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A resolution to appoint a Commissioner to ascertain the character and value of certain property destroyed under certain circumstances, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

A resolution to suspend the 26th Rule of the Senate, was agreed to.

A Bill to suspend certain Acts providing for a Code of the Statute Law of South Carolina, was ordered to lie on the table.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on a Bill to amend the 28th section of an Act ratified December 18, 1840, entitled an Act to ascertain and define the powers, duties and liabilities of Masters, Commissioners, and Registers in Equity, and to provide for the organization and regulation of their respective offices, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee on Claims, of the House, on the account of Dr. Edward B. Smith, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to amend the law as to the election of officers in the South Carolina College, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to amend an Act entitled an Act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company in South Carolina, ratified on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1857, and for other purposes, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for services rendered prisoners in jail, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Special Committee of the Senate,

On certain rooms in the New State Capitol, as to their fitness for the reception of public documents, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

A resolution (of Mr. ALLEN) in relation to the donation of the State of Georgia to the sufferers from the late conflagration in Charleston, was referred to the Special Committee on that subject, and was ordered to be printed.

The report of the Committee on the Legislative Library, was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, it was

Ordered, That when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Special Order for a quarter-past 7 o'clock, P. M., was discharged, and made the Special Order for 1 o'clock, P. M., to-morrow.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for stationery furnished the Senate for 1861; also,

The report of the same Committee,

On the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of E. J. McDaniel, for public printing;

On the account of Hayden & Whilden;

On the account of R. S. Desportes, for public printing;

On the account of E. R. Stokes, for book binding for the State; and,

On the account of A. G. Fink, for public printing; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

The Committee on Claims and Grievances was discharged from the further consideration of

The account of E. R. Stokes, for binding done for the Legislature.

Mr. WARE called for the report of the Comptroller General,

On the Contingent Accounts of the Lower Division, and it was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. BLAKENEY, leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Darlington District, from and after to-day, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, leave of absence was granted to the Senator from St. Matthew's, for the remainder of the session, on account of military duty.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, the Senate adjourned at three minutes to 10 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1861.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Walker.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following Bills; which received the first reading, and were referred as follows :

A Bill to authorize Lucy Andrews and William Jackson, free persons of color, to select their owners and go into slavery ; and

A Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs, Magistrates and Constables, and certain fees of Clerks, were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted, was referred to the Committee on Roads and Buildings.

A Bill to regulate the elections of members of the Legislature and others within the Parishes of St. Philip's and St. Michael's, was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

A Bill to afford aid in the construction of the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks. The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales ; which, having been amended by the House on the second reading, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board ; which, having been amended by the House on the second reading, was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary ; also,

A Bill to establish the boundary line between the Districts of Clarendon and Williamsburg ; which received the first reading, and was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A Bill to authorize Trustees to invest funds in bonds of the Confederate States ; and

A Bill to amend an Act entitled "An Act creating a military establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes, received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bills do pass ; that the titles thereof be changed ; that they be called Acts.

Ordered, That they be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of S. M. Boykin, R. K. Rutledge, and W. F. Ervin, surveyors; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances; also,

The general report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, as to places of holding elections, and managers of elections; which was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings,

On the report of the Committee on Public Buildings, of the House,

On the petition of the Commissioners of Richland District, praying an appropriation for a new Court House; also,

A petition on the same subject; which were ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices,

On a report, from the House Committee, on the account of John C. Moody, assignee.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House, to charter a Cotton Planters' Loan Association; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow, and to be printed.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of the Keeper of the State House, for contingent expenses for 1861; which was placed in the General Orders of the day.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on Confederate Relations, on statement of property destroyed by order of Confederate officers, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The reading of

A Bill to provide for the payment by the State of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax-payers in this State, was resumed.

The following amendment, proposed by Mr. MAZYCK, was before the Senate for consideration :

SEC. 1. Whenever any person, company or corporation shall, at the request of the owner of any property subject to the said tax, or his or her agent, at-

torney, trustee or guardian, pay the same for such owner, or lend or advance the money required to pay the same, and the tax shall be therewith actually paid, the person, company or corporation making such payment, loan or advance, shall have the same lien on the property on which the tax is paid for the repayment of the sum so paid, or advanced, or lent, with lawful interest thereon, that the State would have for the tax if the same were not paid; which said lien shall continue and be effective for two years, unless the sums so paid, lent or advanced be sooner repaid, and the receipt of the Tax Collector, with the acknowledgement of the owner of the property, his or her agent, attorney, trustee or guardian, endorsed thereon, and attested by the Tax Collector, shall be sufficient evidence of such lien, and shall authorize the holder thereof; at any time within years from the time of such payment, loan or advance, to require the Tax Collector to issue his warrant, directing the Sheriff to levy the money so paid, advanced or lent, with interest thereon, out of the said property.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of facilitating the payment and collection of the said tax, the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina shall lend to the owners of property subject to the same, upon the application of such owners, or their agents, attorneys, trustees, or guardians, the money required for paying the said tax, and shall have the same lien as aforesaid to secure the repayment of such loans; and the said loans shall be repaid by quarterly instalments of one-tenth of the original amount of the respective loans, which shall be applied, first, to the interest accrued at the time of paying any such instalment; and the said lien shall continue and be effective until the respective loans are fully repaid; and whenever two instalments of any such loan shall be in arrear or unpaid, the said President and Directors shall be authorized to require the Tax Collector to issue his warrant for levying the whole amount of such loan out of the property subject to the tax: *Provided*, That the said President and Directors, after having made such loans as aforesaid, to the amount of hundred thousand dollars, shall not be bound to make any further such loans, unless they think proper so to do.

SEC. 3. It shall be lawful for the said President and Directors to issue notes or certificates, which shall be receivable for the sums therein expressed, in payment of all taxes and other dues to the State, and also in payment of all debts due to the said Bank, and shall not be in the form of promises to pay, but shall purport that they will be received in payments to the State and the said Bank as aforesaid, and shall be signed by such person or persons as the said President and Directors may designate or appoint for that purpose: *Provided*, That the amount of such notes or certificates so to be issued shall not exceed the amount of loans which may be made by the said

Banks for the payment of the said tax, in pursuance of the provisions of this Act.

The first and third sections were agreed to, and

Mr. ALLEN moved to lay the second section on the table; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Arthur, Blakeney, Cannon, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Moses, Rhett, Ware, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 16.

The motion to lay on the table was consequently not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon agreeing to the section, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Boykin, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Sessions.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Arthur, Blakeney, Cannon, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Cannon, Heyward, Moses, Rhett, Ware, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 16.

In the negative, 15.

The amendment was consequently agreed to.

The reading having been concluded, the Bill was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

SPECIAL ORDER FOR 1 O'CLOCK, P. M.

A Bill to provide for the security of the property of the citizens of this State.

Mr. MAZYCK moved that the Bill be indefinitely postponed, and while the question was pending,

At five minutes to 3, P. M., on motion of Mr. HARRISON, the Senate suspended business until 7, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on

A Bill, from the House, to aid in the construction of the Cheraw and Coal-fields Railroad Company; which was ordered for consideration to-morrow.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices, on the report of the Committee on Accounts, of the House, on the report of the Comptroller General on the contingent accounts of the Upper Division; and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the House report, in relation to the account of Levy Cassady, Magistrate, of Chesterfield District, and to restore the account of R. E. House, (acting coroner,) of Richland District, whose account had been rejected for want of certificates since obtained.

Mr. WARE also presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, on

A Bill and report from the House of Representatives, to incorporate the Southern Express Company,

And the report of the same Committee, on a Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled

A Bill to incorporate certain Religious and Charitable Societies, and Societies for the advancement of Education, and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted; which were ordered to be placed in the General Orders of the day

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to authorize Lucy Andrews and William Jackson, free persons of color, to select their owners and go into slavery.

On a Bill to alter and amend an Act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs, Magistrates, and Constables, and fees of Clerks; and

On a Bill to suspend the collection of debts, the Statute of Limitations, and notice of protest; which were placed in the General Orders of the day.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, on a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to enable volunteers in the military service to exercise the right of suffrage; which was placed in the General Orders of the day.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on certain amendments made by the House to the Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales; which was placed in the General Orders of the day.

The Senate resumed the consideration of

A Bill to provide for the security of the property of the citizens of this State.

Mr. RHETT offered the following amendments; which were agreed to:

Insert the words "stocks or" after the word "issue," in second line of first section; strike out "four" and insert "two," in the third line of first section; and strike out "six" and insert "seven," in the fourth line of first section; and strike out all after the first section, and insert the following amendment:

And that the Bank of the State of South Carolina be charged with the sale of said stocks or bonds, and when sold the proceeds of said stocks or bonds shall be deposited in said Bank, to be appropriated as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 2. That whenever satisfactory proof shall be made to the Board of Directors of said Bank, that any slaveholder has been or may be compelled to remove his or her property from his or her plantation, on account of the invasion of the public enemy, and is unable to provide the means of their removal or support until they can be permanently employed, said Board are authorized to lend to such person such amount of said funds as they may deem necessary for the removal or support of said slaves for the time being, distributing said funds as equally among the applicants as may be practicable, and taking such security therefor as they may deem advisable.

The reading having been concluded, upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President, Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Blake-ney, Boykin, Fickling, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Hope, Mazyek, and McCaw.

In the affirmative, 23.

In the negative, 8.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Special Committee on the Executive Documents, to whom was referred certain documents accompanying the Message No. 1, of the Governor,

at the called session, were discharged from the further consideration of the same.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, to regulate elections of members of the Legislature, and others, within the Parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael; also,

The report of the same Committee, on the presentments the Grand Jury of Anderson, spring term, 1861; which were placed in the General Orders of the day.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 19, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives with pleasure accedes to the request of the Senate, that the report of the Committee on the Judiciary on a "resolution in relation to filling the vacancy on the Chancery Bench, occasioned by the election of the Hon. B. F. Dunkin to the Appeal Bench," be temporarily returned to the Senate, for the purpose of making a verbal alteration in the same. And the paper is accordingly temporarily returned.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The report was amended and returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following papers:

The report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. E. R. Calhoun, for *post mortem* examination; also,

On the report of the Medical Society of South Carolina, relative to the fund of the Roper Hospital; and,

On the accounts of Dr. S. Chatburn Brown, for *post mortem* examinations; which were referred to the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts.

The report of the Committee on Education,

On the report of the Trustees of the estate of Dr. De La Howe, for 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The report of the Special Committee, consisting of the York and Lancaster Delegations,

On the report of John R. Patton, Agent of the Catawba Indians; which was referred to the York and Lancaster Delegations.

The resolution to apply \$15,000 to re-enlisting and recruiting State forces; which was referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of R. W. Gibbes, for advertising and binding; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

Report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the account of the transient poor of Georgetown District;

On the return of the transient poor of the city of Charleston;

On a resolution to refund a double tax to Emmet Seibels;

On the petition of F. D. Richardson, praying to be refunded a tax improperly exacted;

On the petition of C. G. Stephens, asking to be refunded a double tax;

On the petition of M. B. Earle, a citizen of Greenville, praying to be refunded a double tax;

On the petition of W. H. Swinton, Administrator of John M. Righton, to be paid a balance of salary; and

On so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to indemnifying the Bank of the State for its advances; which were referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Gilbert & Darr, proprietors of the Sumter Watchman, for public printing;

On the petition of sundry Magistrates and Constables of Charleston District, praying interest on an amount due them by the State;

On the petition of F. W. Moore;

On the petition of Newton Bramblet;

On the account of Thaddeus C. Andrews, for public printing;

On the account of the Yorkville Enquirer, for public printing;

On the account of the Charleston Mercury, for public printing;

On the account of A. S. Douglas, for public printing; which were referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

On the petition of John A. Wagener, Colonel of the First Regiment of Artillery, S. C. M., praying that sums be granted to privates F. Ficken and John Klee, of the German Artillery, disabled at the battle of Port Royal; which were referred to the Committee on Military and Pensions.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers;

A Bill to amend the law as to the election of officers in the South Carolina College.

A Bill to suspend the ninth section of an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three."

A Bill to authorize certain Building and Loan Associations to suspend the call for monthly instalments.

A Bill to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry Charitable Society and Company ; which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, that the Bills do pass ; that the titles thereof, be changed ; that they be called Acts.

Ordered, that they be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 19, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

House of Representatives grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on Accounts, of the House, on the report of the Comptroller General on the contingent accounts of the Upper Division, in the following particulars :

For Chesterfield District :

Add to amount allowed by House Committee, viz :.....\$26 72

The sum of..... 40 00

—————\$66 72

which was a mistake, in subtracting an item not allowed from the original amount.

For Richland District :

Restore the account of R. E. House, (acting as Coroner).....\$8 50
which account was rejected for want of certificate, since obtained.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Whereupon the report, as amended, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following papers :

Resolutions in relation to the death of soldiers ; which were referred to the Committee on the Military and Pensions :

Carolina mourns for her dead ! Like the Spartan mother, she sent her sons to battle, with the sacred injunction, to return with or on their shields. Nobly have they obeyed her mandate. They have fallen like men and heroes, " with their feet to the foe." The lessons of '76 have not been lost on the sons of revolutionary sires. The glorious deeds of Chepultepec and Churubusco, or in the olden time, of Eutaw and King's Mountain, are not unsurpassed by the chivalric heroism and valor displayed on the bloody

field of Manassas. From the mountain to the sea-board, they have answered to her calls. The insolent foe has been met. They have pursued the vandal, even to the throne of his master. The sons of South Carolina have sprinkled upon the baptismal altar of our young Confederacy sacrificial blood, and have sealed a solemn devotion with their lives. The prophecies of the sage of Fort Hill have been fulfilled near the tomb of Washington.

Be it resolved, That South Carolina, mourning, as she does, her fallen, yet the poignancy of her grief is softened by the consciousness of the fact, that they have died in obedience to her laws. With the Roman mother she can say, "These are my jewels."

Resolved, That this General Assembly sympathizes most sincerely with those who have given to the sacred cause of liberty the father, the husband the brother. South Carolina will ever cherish their memories—will never cease to regard their filial devotion with a mother's gratitude.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of P. B. Glass & Co., for stationery ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The report of the Committee on the Military,

On so much of the Governor's Message, No. 1, as relates to the assignment of the Petrel, a vessel owned by the State, to the Trustees of the Marine School, to be used as a school ship ; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures and the Mechanic Arts.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery furnished the State ; which was referred to the Committee on Claims and Grievances.

The House of Representatives returned, with its concurrence, the following resolution :

Resolved, That Thomas E. Powe, John F. Matheson and Thomas C. Law be appointed proxies of the State, of whom one or more shall be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to represent the stock owned by the State in the Cheraw and Darlington Railroad Company, at all meetings of the said Company during the year commencing with the day of the final adjournment of the General Assembly at the present session.

Mr. WARE presented the report of the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts,

On a Bill, from the House of Representatives, entitled a Bill to incorporate certain Societies, Associations and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others ; which was placed in the General Orders of the day.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the General Orders.

A Bill to provide for the better government of slaves, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on the Legislative Library was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of Richard Williams and wife, and others, praying compensation for land escheated by the State, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to grant immunity to free persons of color who shall return to the State, from certain penalties now provided by law, on the second reading was amended, so as to read :

A Bill to exempt free persons of color who shall return to the State, from certain penalties now provided by law ; and the reading having been concluded, the Bill, as amended, was agreed to, and was ordered to the House of Representatives.

A Bill for rebuilding the city of Charleston being before the Senate on the second reading,

Mr. E. G. PALMER moved to amend the first section by striking out the following proviso :

"Provided, Not less than par ;"

Which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Blakeney, Furman, Garlington, Heyward, Lesesne, McAliley, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Ware, Watson, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Boykin Cannon, Harrison, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Mazyck, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, and Sessions.

In the affirmative, 15.

In the negative, 13.

The amendment was therefore agreed to, and the proviso stricken out.

Mr. MOSES moved to amend the second section, by inserting, after the clause "one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one," the following : " In which mortgage, should the applicant be married, a renunciation of dower by the wife shall be made, according to law ;" which was adopted.

Mr. GARLINGTON moved that the Bill be indefinitely postponed ; which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barnes, Blakeney, Cannon, Garlington, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Mazyek, McCaw, Montgomery, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President, Messrs. Alston, Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Harrison, Heyward, Lesesne, McAliley, McKewn, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 13.

In the negative, 15.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was consequently lost.

The reading having been concluded, upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, as amended, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Alston, Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Harrison, Heyward, Lesesne, McAliley, McKewn, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barnes, Blakeney, Cannon, Garlington, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Mazyek, McCaw, Montgomery, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 15.

In the negative, 13.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. E. G. PALMER, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 11, A. M.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, the Senate adjourned at a quarter-past 10, P. M.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1861.

The Senate met at 11, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The Clerk read the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday.

The session was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Mullally.

The Senate granted leave to Messrs. Allen and Beaty to record their votes on a Bill for rebuilding the City of Charleston; and, upon the Clerk

calling their names, Mr. Allen voted in the affirmative, and Mr. Beaty in the negative.

Mr. CANNON presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That Wm. S. Lyles, David Goudelock, and A. H. Kirby, be, and they are hereby, appointed proxies on the part of the State of South Carolina, to represent the Stock of the State in all the conventions of Stockholders in the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company, and that a majority of the proxies above named be authorized to cast the vote of the State; and, in case of two of the proxies being absent, the one present shall cast the vote of the State.

Which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, requesting that body to unite with Senate at 1, P. M., in an election for Codifier of the Statute Laws.

Mr. CANNON presented the report of the Committee on Roads and Buildings, on

A Bill, from the House, to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted.

Mr. McCRAW presented the report of the Special Committee, consisting of the York and Lancaster Delegations, on the report of the House Committee, on the report of John R. Patton, Indian Agent.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Special Committee of the Senate, on the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations, of the House,

On Message No. 6. of the Governor, and on the resolution submitted to the Senate in relation to the same subject matter; also,

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of sundry inhabitants of Beaufort and Barnwell Districts, praying that the property of B. P. O. Cohen, a free man of color, deceased, be vested in his widow and children.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee, of the House,

On the report of the Medical Society of South Carolina, relative to the fund of the Reper Hospital.

Mr. FICKLING presented the report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the Senate,

On the general report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the House of Representatives,

As to places of holding elections, and managers of elections; which were placed in the General Orders of the day.

Mr. McALILEY presented the report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the account of the transient poor of Georgetown District;

On the petition of F. D. Richardson, praying to be refunded a tax improperly exacted;

On a resolution to refund a double tax to Emmet Seibels;

On the report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On the petition of C. G. Stephens, asking to be refunded a double tax;

On the petition of W. H. Swinton, Administrator of John M. Righton, to be paid a balance of salary;

On the petition of M. B. Earle, a citizen of Greenville, praying to be refunded a double tax;

On so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to indemnifying the Bank of the State for its advances;

On the return of the Transient Poor of the City of Charleston; which were placed in the General Orders of the day.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances, on the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery furnished the State;

On the accounts of S. M. Boykin, R. K. Rutledge, and W. F. Ervin, Surveyors.

On the account of A. S. Douglass, for public printing;

On the petition of Newton Bramblett, for services rendered as a special Constable;

On the account of Thaddeus C. Andrews, for public printing;

On the account of the Yorkville Enquirer, for public printing;

On the account of P. B. Glass & Co., for public printing;

On the account of the Charleston Mercury, for public printing;

On the account of R. W. Gibbes, for public printing and binding;

On the claim of F. W. Moore, for services rendered the State as a special Constable;

On the account of Gilbert & Darr, proprietors of the Sumter Watchman, for public printing; which were placed in the General Orders of the day.

Mr. JOHNSON presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee of the House,

On the account of Dr. E. R. Calhoun, for a *post mortem* examination.

Mr. McKEWN presented the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the report of the Medical Committee, of the House,

On the account of Dr. S. Chatburn, for *post mortem* examination.

Mr. BARKER presented the report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion,

On the report of the Committee on Education, of the House,

On the report of the Trustees of the Estate of Dr. De La Howe, for 1861; which were placed in the General Orders of the day.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following papers, with its concurrence :

The report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for sixty-two copies of the 11th volume Richardson's Equity Reports.

On the account of Dr. T. J. Goodwyn, for medical services rendered prisoners in jail;

On the account of A. J. Ruggs, for Public Printing;

On the account of J. M. Brown, proprietor of the Darlington Southerner, for Public Printing;

On the account of A. J. Burke, for printing writs of election for Senate;

On the account of W. W. Purse, for work done on the Senate Chamber, 1861;

On the account of A. O. Norris & Co., for Public Printing;

On the account of P. B. Glass & Co., for stationery furnished Senate Chamber;

On the account of the Southern Confederation, for Public Printing.

Report of the Committee on Finance and Banks, on the petition of Darling Williams, to be paid the amount of a jury ticket lost.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, on the account of Dr. R. E. Cleveland for services rendered prisoners in jail, and for *post mortem* examination.

On the account of Dr. J. H. Boatwright for *post mortem* examinations.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the reports of the Solicitors of the Northern, Middle, Western and Eastern Circuits, on District officers and their offices.

The report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices,

On certain contingent accounts.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from St. Philip's and St. Michael's, from and after to-day, at 3, P. M.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following Acts:

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry Charitable Society and Company;

An Act to suspend the ninth section of an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three;"

An Act to authorize Trustees to invest funds in Bonds of the Confederate States;

An Act to authorize certain Building and Loan Associations to suspend the call for monthly instalments;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act creating a Military Establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes;" and

An Act to amend the law as to the election of officers in the South Carolina College; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A Bill to grant exemption to certain free persons of color, who shall return to this State, from penalties now provided by law; which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass; that the title thereof be changed; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, That it be returned to the House of Representatives.

Also,

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the account of Isaac Means, for work done in the office of the Secretary of State; which was ordered to lie on the table.

The report of the same Committee,

On the account of Hammet & Machen, proprietors of the Clarendon Banner, for advertising; which was passed over.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following message of concurrence:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully concurs in the proposition of the Senate to go into an election at 1 o'clock, P. M., this day, for Codifier of the Laws of this State.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. WARE called for the report of the Committee on Accounts and Vacant Offices,

On the report of the House Committee on the report of the Comptroller General of the Upper Division; and a message was sent to the House of

Representatives, asking leave to amend the House report, by inserting the account of Henry Hancock, late Sheriff of Lancaster District.

Mr. GARLINGTON presented the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,

On the joint resolutions of the Legislature of Tennessee, and the message of his Excellency the Governor, laying them before the Senate; which was ordered to be placed in the General Orders of the day.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives grants leave to Senate to amend the report of House Committee on Accounts, by adding:

<i>For Lancaster District</i> —Henry Hancock, late Sheriff.....	\$158 55
Not allowed.....	79 33
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By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Whereupon the report of the House Committee on Accounts,

On the report of the Comptroller General on the contingent accounts of the Upper Division, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, was before the Senate on the third reading, when, at 1, P. M., pursuant to orders previously made, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Representatives, and joined that House in a ballot for Codifier of the Statute Laws.

Messrs. Allen and Alston were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate to count the ballots.

The reading of the Bill was resumed.

On motion of Mr. ALSTON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to restore the words "and Horry," in first section, which had been stricken out by the House of Representatives on the second reading.

It was moved that a message be sent to the House of Representatives asking leave to amend the 2d section by striking out the words "to prescribe offences."

On motion of Mr. RHETT, a call of the Senate was ordered, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Alston, Arthur, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, Watson and Whaley.

The further calling of the roll was then suspended.

Upon the question of sending the message, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Arthur, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Garlington, Harrison, Hope, Johnson, Lesesne, Manning, Mazyck, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Appleby, Barker, Barnes, Beaty, Furman, Heyward, Irby, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, and Ware.

In the affirmative, 19.

In the negative, 12.

The message proposing to amend, was therefore ordered to be sent.

A message was also sent to the House of Representatives, asking further to amend the bill, by striking out in the 6th section the words, "order of a judge at Chambers, or in;" also in the same section the words, "at the next term of the Court of General Sessions within said District;" and also asking leave to insist that the 8th section be retained in the Bill.

The further reading of the Bill was temporarily suspended; and

Mr. ALLEN, from the Committee appointed to count the votes for Codifier of the Statute Laws, asked leave to report that James L. Petigru had received a majority of all the votes cast.

He was therefore declared by the PRESIDENT duly elected accordingly.

On motion of Mr. GARLINGTON, a Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales, was taken up for a third reading, and the reading having been concluded, upon the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Blakeney, Cannon, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, Manning, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Boykin, Fickling, Lesesne, Mazyck, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 24.

In the negative, 10.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The Senate granted leave to the undersigned Senators to insert the following protest on the Journal:

The undersigned respectfully ask leave of the Senate to enter on the Journal their reasons for voting against "A Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales," which are as follows, namely:

1. That the main provisions of the Bill are in violation of the first clause of the eighth Section of the first Article of the Constitution of the Confederate States, which declares that "no State shall pass any law impairing the obligation of contracts;" and also of the second Section of the ninth Article of the Constitution of this State, which declares that "no law impairing the obligation of contracts shall ever be passed by the Legislature of this State." Because, in their judgment, "the obligation of contracts," which the Legislature is forbidden to impair by any law, means their legal obligation, since no human Legislature could impair their *moral* obligation. But the legal obligation of contracts consists in their being enforceable by legal process, and, therefore, a law which should altogether take away the legal remedies for the enforcement of contracts, would destroy their legal obligation. If, then, the legal obligation of contracts be extinguished by wholly abolishing the remedies for their enforcement, the temporary suspension or withholding of those remedies must necessarily impair the legal obligation of contracts. If the remedies may be temporarily withheld, the period of their suspension may be indefinitely extended, and the legal obligation of contracts thus practically destroyed.

- 2 That even if such legislation were not expressly forbidden by the Constitution, it is inconsistent with the faithful discharge of that great obligation which the possession of sovereign power imposes on every government, to enforce justice among those who are subject to its authority—an obligation which is distinctly and solemnly recognized in the language of Magna Carta, "*Nulli vendemus, nulli negabimus, aut differemus rectum aut justitiam.*"

3. That the natural and necessary effect of such a measure must be to weaken the foundations of credit, and thereby to add another fruitful source of embarrassment and distress to the many privations and difficulties of the times.

4. That there is no evidence that the condition of the country requires such legislation, or that it is desired by the public at large, or even by those

who are themselves debtors. Nor does it appear that there is any degree of rigor in the exaction of debts which requires to be checked or repressed by the interposition of the Legislature. On the contrary, there seems to be a general disposition on the part of creditors to practice the utmost forbearance and indulgence towards their debtors, and if any instances of a different spirit should exhibit themselves, they may be safely left to the restraining influence of public opinion.

A. MAZYCK,
HENRY D. LESESNE,
S. W. BARKER,
A. H. BOYKIN,
W. IZARD BULL,
F. W. FICKLING,
CHARLES ALSTON, JR.,
S. W. PALMER,
EDWARD C. WHALEY.

Mr. HARRISON presented the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House, on the petition of sundry Magistrates and Constables of Charleston District, praying interest on amounts due them; which was ordered to be placed in the General Orders of the day.

The Committee on Claims and Grievances was discharged from the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Claims, of the House,

On the account of McCarter & Dawson, for printing Equity Reports, and the House report was ordered to *lie on the table*.

On motion of Mr. MAZYCK, at a quarter-past 3 o'clock, P. M., the Senate suspended business until 7, P. M.

RECESS.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

Mr. HARRISON called for the report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,

On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for stationery furnished the Senate for 1861; and,

On the account of the keeper of the State House, for contingent expenses for 1861; which were agreed to, and were ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to provide for the payment of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax-payers in this State,

having been amended by the House, on the third reading, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution as to indexing reports and resolutions; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to charter a Cotton Planters' Loan Association being before the Senate, on the second reading,

Mr. CANNON moved to insert the following proviso at the end of the second section :

Provided, That no company shall be formed after the removal of the blockade.

Mr. MAZYCK moved to lay the Bill and amendment on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Alston, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Irby, Mazyck, and McAliley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Arthur, Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Johnson, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

In the affirmative, 9.

In the negative, 21.

The motion to lay the Bill and amendment on the table was consequently not agreed to.

The question then recurring upon Mr. CANNON'S amendment, it was agreed to.

Mr. MAZYCK offered the following amendment: To insert, after "cotton," in the the first Section, "rice, wheat, corn, turpentine, shingles, and bricks."

Mr. E. G. PALMER moved to lay the amendment on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Arthur, Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Garlington, Harrison, Heyward, Hope, Irby, Johnson, McAliley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Mazyck, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 23.

In the negative, 8.

The amendment was therefore ordered to *lie on the table*.

On the question of agreeing to the Bill, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Appleby, Barnes, Beaty, Cannon, Garlington, Hope, Johnson, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Arthur, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Harrison, Heyward, Irby, Mazyck, McAiley, Rhett, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 18.

In the negative, 14.

The Bill was consequently agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to provide for the payment by the State of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for other purposes, being before the Senate, on the third reading, on the question of agreeing to the House amendment, striking out the third section, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Arthur, Beaty, Blakeney, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Hope, McAiley, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Barker, Barnes, Boykin, Cannon, Irby, Johnson, Mazyck, McCaw, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Sessions, Watson, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 17.

In the negative, 13.

The amendment was therefore agreed to.

A message was also sent to the House of Representatives, asking to amend the Bill in the following particulars, to wit: In sixth section, by restoring "first January," "three," "first February;" the eighth section, by restoring, in third line, the word "five;" in the fourth line, the word "five;" and, in the sixth line, the words "not exceed one;" and also to restore the fourth section.

A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, having been amended by the

House, on the third reading, was referred to the Committee on Finance and Banks.

Mr. CANNON called up the resolution to suspend the 33d rule of the Senate; which was agreed to.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution of that body in relation to rescinding the resolution of adjournment, previously agreed on by both Houses, and fixing Monday the 23d inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M., by causing the resolution to read, "on Saturday, the 21st inst., at 12 o'clock, midnight," instead of "on Monday, the 23d inst., at 4 o'clock, P. M."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That a message be sent to the House of Representatives, requesting the appointment of a Committee of Two, from the House, to confer with a like Committee of the Senate, in relation to the propriety of rescinding the resolution fixing the hour of adjournment to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

Messrs. Cannon and E. G. Palmer were appointed the Committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. McALILEY called for the report of the Committee on the New State House,

On the Annual Report of the Commissioner and Architect; which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

A Bill to regulate elections of members of the Legislature and others, within the Parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message of concurrence:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully concurs in the resolution of the Senate, appointing a Committee of two, and requesting the appointment of a like Committee by this House, to confer together in relation to the propriety of rescinding the resolution fixing the hour of adjournment of this General Assembly to-morrow, at 12 o'clock, M.

Messrs. R. B. Boylston and W. C. Black have been accordingly appointed a Committee, on the part of the House, to confer with the Committee from the Senate.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, of the Senate, on the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for services rendered prisoners in jail, by striking out "ninety-six dollars," and inserting "forty-eight dollars," so that it read, that he be paid "forty-eight dollars."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

A message of concurrence was returned.

Message No. 8, of his Excellency the Governor, was received and read, and the Message and accompanying documents were referred to the Committee on Confederate Relations.

MESSAGE NO. 8.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
December 20, 1861. }

Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :

I herewith transmit certain resolutions passed by the Legislature of Georgia, together with the accompanying letter from his Excellency Governor Brown.

Upon the subject matter of these resolutions, I take it for granted there is not a dissenting voice in the Legislature of South Carolina, and that we will pledge all the resources of the State, together with our lives

and fortunes, to stand by our sister State in maintaining their principles to the letter.

F. W. PICKENS.

[COPY.]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA, }
December 16, 1861. }

His Excellency, F. W. Pickens :

SIR : I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of the joint resolutions recently adopted by the General Assembly of Georgia. The Legislature has not directed me to forward them, but I do so, under the conviction that you will be pleased to learn the action of Georgia on the important subject to which they relate.

Very respectfully,

[Signed]

JOSEPH E. BROWN.

[COPY.]

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, PASSED AT
ITS LATE SESSION.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia, in General Assembly met, That it is the sense of this General Assembly that the separation of those States now forming the Confederate States of America from the United States, is, and ought to be, final and irrevocable, and that Georgia will, under no circumstances, entertain any proposition, from any quarter, which may have for its object a restoration or reconstruction of the late Union, on any terms or conditions whatever.

Resolved, That the war which the United States are waging upon the Confederate States should be met, on our part, with the utmost vigor and energy, until our independence and nationality are unconditionally acknowledged by the United States.

Resolved, That Georgia pledges herself to her sister States of the Confederacy that she will stand by them throughout the struggle; she will contribute all the means which her resources will supply, so far as the same may be necessary, to the support of the common cause, and will not consent

to lay down arms until peace is established on the basis of the foregoing resolutions.

[Signed]

WARREN AKIN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

L. CARRINGTON,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

JOHN BILLUPS,

President of the Senate.

JAMES M. MOBLEY,

Secretary of the Senate.

Approved December 11, 1861.

[Signed]

JOSEPH E. BROWN, *Governor.*

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives asks leave of the Senate to amend the first section of a " Bill to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales," by adding, after the words " except in cases provided for in the second section of this Act," the following words : " and except process for military fines."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

And a message of concurrence was returned accordingly.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from Newberry, from and after to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

A Bill to incorporate the Southern Express Company, received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, and a message of concurrence was returned :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution of the Senate on the subject of the distribution of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly, by striking out all after the words " annually hereafter to," for the purpose of inserting the following : " to the Chairman, and one copy to the Secretary, of each of the Boards of

Commissioners of Roads, of Free Schools, and of the Poor, in their respective Districts."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*,

Mr. E. G. PALMER presented the report of the Committee of Conference, in relation to the adjournment of the Legislature; and on the question of agreeing to the report, the yeas and nays were ordered to be taken, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Allen, Arthur, Boykin, Cannon, Fickling, Garlington, Harrison, McAliley, McCaw, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Rhett.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Messrs. Alston, Barker, Blakeney, Furman, Hope, Irby, McKewn, Sessions, Ware, and Watson.

On motion of Mr. McALILEY, a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following gentlemen answered to their names:

Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Fickling, Furman, Garlington, Harrison, Irby, Johnson, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, and Whaley.

No further action on the call was taken by the Senate, and the calling of the roll was suspended.

In the affirmative, 15.

In the negative, 10.

The report was consequently agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully grants leave to the Senate to restore to the "Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board," the word "Horry," in the first section; also, to strike out from the second section, after the words "free persons of color," the words, "to prescribe offences." The House refuses to grant leave to Senate to strike out from the sixth section the words "orders of a Judge at Chambers, or in," "at the next term of the Court of General Sessions within said District;" also, refuses to restore the eighth section, viz.: "That the Deputy Marshals shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of three dollars per day, while engaged on duty. And all moneys necessary to carry the

provisions of this Act into effect, in each District, shall be raised by an assessment upon the general tax of such District; and the Tax Collectors of each of said Districts are hereby required to assess and collect annually from the tax-paying citizens of his or their Districts, such sums as the Police Courts hereby established shall direct, and the Provost Marshal of each District shall render an account annually of his receipts and expenditures to the Treasurer of the Lower Division."

By order of the House,

JAMES, SIMONS, *Speaker*.

A message was then sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives, insisting on striking out, in the sixth section of a Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, the words, "order of a Judge at Chambers, or in," "at the next term of the Court of General Sessions within said District."

Also, insisting on restoring the eighth section, viz.:

"That the Deputy Marshals shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of three dollars per day while engaged on duty. And all moneys necessary to carry the provisions of this Act into effect, in each District, shall be raised by an assessment upon the general tax of such District; and the Tax Collectors of each of said Districts are hereby required to assess and collect, annually, from the tax-paying citizens of his or their District, such sums as the Police Courts hereby established shall direct; and the Provost Marshal of each District shall render an account, annually, of his receipts and expenditures to the Treasurer of the Lower Division;"

And asking the appointment of a Committee of Conference, in reference to the matter in controversy, on the part of the House, to meet the Senate Committee, consisting of Messrs. Rhett and Arthur.

Whereupon the House of Representatives returned the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully insists on refusing to grant leave to the Senate to amend a Bill to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board, by striking out, from the sixth section, the words, "order of a Judge at Chambers, or in," "at the next term of the Court of General Sessions within said District;" also, insists on refusing to restore the eighth section, which reads as follows: "That the Deputy Marshal shall be entitled to compensation at the rate of three dollars per day while engaged on duty. And all moneys necessary to carry the provisions of this Act into effect, in each District, shall be raised by an assess-

ment upon the general tax of such District ; and the Tax Collectors of each of said Districts are hereby required to assess and collect annually from the tax paying citizens of his or their Districts such sums as the Police Courts hereby established shall direct ; and the Provost Marshal of each District shall render an account, annually, of his receipts and expenditures to the Treasurer of the Lower Division." The House respectfully concurs in the request to appoint a Committee of Conference in reference to the matter in controversy, and has appointed, on the part of the House, Messrs. Read and Duryea, to confer with Senate's Committee..

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, a call of the Senate was ordered, when the following gentlemen answered to their names :

Messrs. Alston, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Harrison, Irby, Johnson, McAliley, McCaw, McKewn, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, and Ware.

There not being a quorum present, business was suspended.

Mr. McKEWN moved that the Senators be summoned, and the same was ordered.

Mr. MOSES moved that the Senate do now adjourn, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Garlington, McAliley, and Moses.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Appleby, Barker, Blakeney, Boykin, Cannon, Fickling, Furman, Harrison, Irby, Johnson, McKewn, Montgomery, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, Ware, and Whaley.

In the affirmative, 3.

In the negative, 21.

The motion to adjourn was consequently not agreed to.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, it was ordered that when the Senate adjourns, it shall stand adjourned to meet to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

It was then moved that the Senate do now adjourn, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows :

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Barker, Boykin, Cannon, Harrison, Hope, Montgomery, Moses, Sessions, Ware, and Whaley.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President ; Messrs. Allen, Alston, Fickling, Furman, Irby, Johnson, McAliley, McKewn, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, and Rhett.

In the affirmative, 10.

In the negative, 12.

The Senate, therefore, refused to adjourn.

On motion of Mr. CANNON,

A Bill to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted, was called for, and it received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. WARE called for a Bill to incorporate certain Religious and Charitable Societies, and Societies for the advancement of Education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted, which received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The Senate Bill on the same subject was ordered to *lie on the table*; also,

A Bill to incorporate certain Societies, Associations and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others, and for other purposes; which received the second reading, was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives, and the Senate Bill was ordered to *lie on the table*.

A Bill to enable volunteers in the military service to exercise the right of suffrage, also received the first reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

A Bill to charter the Planters' and Merchants' Insurance Company, received the second reading, was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES moved to lay a Bill to alter and amend an Act entitled an Act to regulate the fees of Sheriffs, Magistrates and Constables, and certain fees of Clerks, on the table, which question was ordered to be decided by yeas and nays, and they are as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Messrs. Allen, Alston, Barker, Cannon, Hope, McKewn, and Ware.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Hon. W. D. PORTER, President; Messrs. Boykin, Fickling, Furman, Harrison, Irby, Johnson, McAliley, Montgomery, Moses, E. G. Palmer, S. W. Palmer, Rhett, Sessions, and Whaley.

The motion to lay on the table was consequently not agreed to.

There not being a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. MOSES, the Senate adjourned at half-past 2, A. M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1861.

The Senate met at 9, A. M., pursuant to adjournment.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Mr. APPLEBY presented the report of the Committee on Commerce, Manufactures, and the Mechanic Arts, on so much of the Governor's Message as relates to the manufacture of cannon, small arms, and gunpowder, and the raising and manufacture of wool, within the State, which was ordered for immediate consideration, was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

An Act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Columbia.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A Bill to incorporate the Carolina Insurance Company, which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass ; that the title thereof be changed ; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, that it be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A Bill to incorporate the Trenholm Mutual Insurance Company, which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, That the Bill do pass ; that the title thereof be changed ; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, that it be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives also sent to the Senate,

A Bill to incorporate the Insurance and Trust Company of Charleston, and the Calhoun Insurance Company, which received the third reading, and it was

Resolved, that the Bill do pass ; that the title thereof be changed ; that it be called an Act.

Ordered, that it be returned to the House of Representatives.

Leave of absence was granted by the Senate to the Senator from St. George's, Dorchester, from and after to-day.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

An Act to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales ; also,

An Act to encourage the manufacture of Salt within this State; which were referred to the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts.

The Senate proceeded to the consideration of the

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE DAY.

The report of the Committee on the Military and Pensions,

On a resolution of inquiry as to the number of Pay and State Cadets in the Military School, and relative to a change of system in said school, was agreed to.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On the petition of Rev. J. H. Thornwell and J. B. Adger, praying to be refunded a tax illegally collected, was agreed to.

A Bill to sanction the issue of small notes by the Bank of the State of South Carolina, and to authorize further issues of the same, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a Bill to authorize Lucy Andrews and William Jackson, free persons of color, to select their owners and go into slavery, was agreed to, and the Bill was indefinitely postponed.

A Bill to suspend the collection of debts, the Statute of Limitations, and notice of protest, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections,

On the presentment of the Grand Jury of Anderson, Spring Term, 1861, recommending non-legislation, was agreed to.

A Bill to establish the Boundary Line between the Districts of Clarendon and Williamsburg, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The unfavorable report of the Committee on Finance and Banks,

On a Bill to aid in the construction of the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company, was agreed to.

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the House,

On the transient poor of Georgetown, was ordered to *lie on the table*.

The report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the House,

As to places of holding elections and managers of election, was agreed to, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,

On the joint resolution of the Legislature of Tennessee, and the Message of his Excellency the Governor, laying them before the Senate, was agreed to.

The General Orders were disposed of.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on Offices and Officers,

On a resolution on the subject of Acts and Resolutions now in force as to holding inquests.

A message was sent by the Senate asking leave to amend the report, and

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following message of concurrence :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully grants leave to the Senate to amend the report of the Committee of the House, on Offices and Officers, in relation to Acts and Resolutions now of force with regard to holding inquests, by adding the following :

Resolved, That every account hereafter presented for *post mortem* examination, in addition to the certificate now required by law, shall also have appended thereto a detailed statement of such examination, containing the cause of death, and circumstances and symptoms attending the case.—*A. A.* 1857, p. 425.

Resolved, also, That no such account shall be paid unless it shall plainly appear from such statement that a *post mortem* examination was really necessary to ascertain the cause of death.

Resolved, That it shall not hereafter be deemed necessary for a coroner, in cases of inquest, to call to his assistance a physician to make a *post mortem* examination, except in cases where the attendant circumstances lead to a just suspicion of violence, poison, or some foul play; and that, in all cases, when a physician is called in, the coroner himself shall be liable for the fee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The report, as amended, was then concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

The Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from the further consideration

Of the petition of Benjamin F. Landrum, in relation to a conditional grant of land in the District of Edgefield, and

Of the petition of James M. Richardson, as to a change of name, and other matters, and the petitions were withdrawn.

The following Bills were read the third time :

A Bill to afford aid to the families of soldiers ; and

A Bill to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue and put in circulation notes receivable in taxes, or dues to the city.

Resolved, That the Bills do pass; that the titles thereof be changed; that they be called Acts.

Ordered, That they be sent to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, and a message of concurrence was returned :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 20, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts, of the Senate,

On Message No. 2, of his Excellency the Governor, by striking out the following words: "The Committee recommend that three hundred (300) copies of these reports be printed, and furnished members of the General Assembly.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

On motion of Mr. CANNON, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking leave to amend the Bill to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, by inserting the following: "Two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, if so much be necessary, for the balance of the salary of the late F. H. Wardlaw, one of the Associate Judges of the Appeal Court, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to be paid to his widow, Mrs. Ann G. Wardlaw, by the Treasurer of the Upper Division."

"For arrearages for work on the New State Capitol, and for carrying on the work for the ensuing year, (\$49,000) forty-nine thousand dollars, if so much be necessary."

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

The report of the Comptroller General, on the contingent accounts of the Lower Division; which was ordered to be placed in the Treasury.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House grants leave to the Senate to amend the "Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, by adding the following words: "Two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, if so much be necessary, for the balance of the

salary of the late F. H. Wardlaw, one of the Associate Judges of the Appeal Court, for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to be paid to his widow, Mrs. Ann G. Wardlaw, by the Treasurer of the Upper Division." But refuses to grant the following: "For arrearages for work on the New State House Capitol, and for carrying on the work for the ensuing year, forty-nine thousand dollars, if so much be necessary."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

A message was sent to the House of Representatives, insisting on asking leave to amend the Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty, in the following particulars: 1st. To strike out, from the eighth section, the words, "for the support of the transient poor of Georgetown, eight hundred dollars, to be expended by the Commissioners of the Poor of Winyaw, to be accounted for by them to the Legislature. 2d. To retain in said Bill the following words: "To pay the interest due on Bonds of several Railroad Companies, guaranteed by the State, thirty thousand dollars, if so much be necessary: *Provided*, Such interest be paid on Bonds owned by citizens of the United States, or other alien enemies, at any time since the twenty-first day of May last."

Senate appointed Messrs. McAliley and Arthur a Committee of Conference, and asked the appointment of a similar Committee by the House.

The House of Representatives returned the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully insists upon refusing leave to your body to amend "A Bill to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one," by striking out, from eighth section, these words: "For the support of the transient poor of Georgetown, eight hundred dollars, to be expended by the Commissioners of Winyaw, to be accounted for by them to the Legislature." 2d. Also, to retain in said Bill the following words: "To pay the interest due on Bonds of several Railroad Companies guaranteed by the State, thirty thousand dollars, if so much be necessary: *Provided*, Such interest be paid on Bonds owned by citizens of the United States, or other alien enemies, at any time since the twenty-first day of May last."

House agrees to Conference, and has appointed Messrs. Trenholm and Coffin a Committee for that purpose.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Also, the following message, and Messrs. McAliley and Hope were appointed the Committee of Conference, on the part of the Senate :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully insists upon refusing the Senate leave to amend "A Bill to provide the payment, by the State, of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax-payers of the State, in the following particulars, to wit: In sixth section, to insert, "first," "January," "three," "first," "February;" in eighth section, to restore, in third line, the word "five;" in the fourth line the word "two;" in the fifth line the word "five;" and in the sixth line the words, "not exceed one;" also, to restore the fourth section, viz: "That each Tax Collector shall execute his Bond, with three good sureties, to be approved and deposited as Bonds of Tax Collectors are now required by law, in a sum twice the amount of the General Tax for his Election District for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, which said Bonds shall be executed and deposited with the proper officer on or before the first day of April next. And in case any Tax Collector shall fail to execute his Bond, in the manner aforesaid, by the time aforesaid, the Governor is hereby authorized and required to appoint a Collector in the place of the Tax Collector so making default; and the person so appointed shall execute his Bond in three times the amount of the General Tax of his Collection District for the year last preceding his appointment, with three good sureties, to be approved and lodged in the proper office, as now required by law, of Tax Collectors, within two weeks after the date of his appointment, and before he enters upon the duties of his office."

Messrs. Trenholm and W. C. Black have been appointed a Committee on the part of the House, to confer with the Committee appointed by the Senate, to adjust the matters in controversy.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker.*

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate

The report of the Committee on Education, on the annual returns of the Commissioners of Free Schools for the year 1861; which was referred to the Committee on the College, Education and Religion.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following papers, which were concurred in, and were ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

The report of the Committee on Offices and Officers,

St. Peter's Parish, appointing certain officers therein named;

The report of the Committee of Ways and Means,

On so much of Message No. 1, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to indemnifying the Bank of the State for its advances ;

On the petition of C. G. Stephens, asking to be refunded a double tax ;

On a resolution to refund a double tax to Emmet Seibels ;

On the petition of M. B. Earle, a citizen of Greenville, praying to be refunded a double tax :

On the petition of F. D. Richardson, praying to be refunded a double tax improperly exacted ;

On the return of the transient poor of the City of Charleston ;

On the petition of W. H. Swinton, administrator of John M. Righton, to be paid a balance of salary ;

On so much of his Excellency the Governor's Message, No. 1, to the Legislature, at the extra session, as refers to Banks and loans on cotton ;

On the petition of the Committee of the Trustees of the Marine School of Charleston, asking a continuance of the appropriation for the support of that institution ;

The report of the Committee on the Military,

On a letter on establishing army hospitals, from R. W. Gibbes, M. D., Surgeon General, South Carolina Militia ;

On so much of the Governor's Message, No. 1, as relates to the assignment of the Petrel, a vessel owned by the State, to the Trustees of the Marine School, to be used as a school ship ;

The report of the Committee on Public Buildings ;

On the petition of the Commissioners of Public Buildings for Richland District, praying an appropriation for a new Court House ;

The report of the Committee on Education,

On the report of the Trustees of the estate of Dr. De LaHowe, for 1861 ;

The report of the Medical Committee,

On the account of Dr. E. R. Calhoun for *post mortem* examination ;

On the report of the Medical Society of South Carolina, relative to the fund of the Roper Hospital ;

On the account of Dr. S. Chatburn Brown, for *post mortem* examination ;

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of sundry magistrates and constables of Charleston District, praying interest on accounts due them by the State ;

On the petition of F. W. Moore ;

On the petition of Newton Bramblett ;

On the account of Gilbert & Darr, proprietors of the Sumter Watchman, for public printing ;

On the account of the Yorkville Enquirer, for public printing ;

On the account of A. S. Douglass, for public printing ;

- On the account of Thaddeus C. Andrews, for public printing ;
- On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery ;
- On the account of the Charleston Mercury, for public printing ;
- On the account of P. B. Glass, for stationery furnished the State ;
- On the account of S. M. Boykin, R. K. Rutledge, and W. F. Ervin, surveyors ;
- On the account of A. G. Fink, for public printing ;
- On the account of the administrator of R. S. Desportes, for public printing ;
- On the account of E. J. McDaniel, for public printing ;
- On the account of E. R. Stokes, for book-binding ;
- On the account of Hayden & Whilden ;
- On the account of R. W. Gibbes, for advertising and binding ;
- The report of the Committee on Accounts,
- On a resolution instructing the Treasurer of the Lower Division to pay over a former appropriation to Thomas C. Moody.
- The report of the Special Committee, consisting of the York and Lancaster Delegations,
- On the report of John A. Patton, Agent of the Catawba Indians ;
- On a resolution to relieve J. Bennet Bissel from a double tax execution.
- The report of the Committee on Confederate Relations,
- On so much of Message No. 8, of his Excellency the Governor, as relates to resolutions from the State of Georgia ;
- The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,
- On a resolution of inquiry as to the legality of a tax on dogs ;
- On a resolution to appoint a Commissioner to devise a system of taxation ;
- On a resolution forbidding the pressing of cases now standing on the dockets of the Courts of Common Pleas, the Circuit Courts of Equity, or the Appeal Court, or which may be placed there during the year 1862 ;
- On a resolution instructing the Treasurer of the Upper Division to pay to A. Thomasson, Constable, the sum of twelve dollars and sixty cents.
- The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following papers, with its concurrence :
 - Report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,
 - On the account of the Keeper of the State House, for contingent expenses for 1861 ;
 - Report of the Committee on Claims and Grievances,
 - On the account of Evans & Cogswell, for stationery furnished the Senate for 1861 ;
 - Report of the Committee on the New State House,
 - On the Annual Reports of the Commissioner and Architect ;

On the petition of John A. Kay, praying the suspension of a certain suit at law against him, in the name of the State, or to be allowed to set up a discount in said suit for moneys due him by the State;

Report of the Committee on Military and Pensions,

On the petition of the City Council of Columbia, to be refunded money paid for the State;

Joint resolution in relation to the voting of citizens of St. Helena Parish;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution in relation to the inexpediency of filling the vacancy on the Chancery Bench occasioned by the election of the Hon. B. H. Dunkin to the Appeal Bench;

Report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On Message No. 2, of his Excellency the Governor;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution as to indexing Reports and Resolutions;

Report of the Committee of Conference,

On the subject of rescinding the joint resolution on the matter of adjournment;

Report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On the petition of Richard Williams and wife, and others, praying compensation for land escheated by the State;

Report of the Committee on the College, Education and Religion,

On the Annual Report of the Commissioners of the Deaf, Dumb, and Blind;

Report of the Committee on the Legislative Library,

On a resolution, ordering that the Clerks of the Courts of the several Judicial Districts of this State be authorized and required to furnish a copy of the Acts and Resolutions of the General Assembly, annually, hereafter, to the Chairman, and one copy to the Secretary, of each of the Boards of Commissioners of Roads, of Free Schools, and of the Poor, in their respective Districts.

The report of the Committee on the Lunatic Asylum and Medical Accounts,

On the account of Dr. A. N. Talley, for services rendered to prisoners in jail.

Resolved, That Wm. S. Lyles, Davis Goude-lock, and A. H. Kirby, be, and they are hereby, appointed Proxies, on the part of the State of South Carolina, to represent the stock of the State in all the Conventions of stockholders in the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company, and that a majority of the Proxies above named be authorized to cast the vote of the

State; and in case of two Proxies being absent, the one present shall cast the vote of the State.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the following resolution, which was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the President and Directors of the Bank of the State of South Carolina be requested to advance for the State, upon the bonds or stocks heretofore authorized to be issued for such purpose, the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars, if so much be necessary, to meet the sums recommended by the General Assembly for the New State House.

The following resolution was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That when the Board of Managers of Elections for the Parishes of St. Philip's and St. Michael's shall fix the boundaries of the Election Precincts of Wards Nos. 3 and 4, as provided for by law, it shall be lawful for the voters residing in those wards to vote at the poll situated within the precinct wherein such voters reside, and at no other place.

The following Bills were read the third time :

Resolved, That the Bills do pass ; that the titles thereof be changed ; that they be called Acts.

Ordered, That they be returned to the House of Representatives.

An Act to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board ;

An Act to authorize the issue of stock to the amount of one million eight hundred thousand dollars, for the military defence of the State, and for other purposes ;

An Act to incorporate the Southern Express Company ;

An Act in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State, and for other purposes ;

An Act to confer the rights of legitimacy on a certain child of Mary Mullinax ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled " An Act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coalfields Railroad Company in South Carolina," ratified on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1857, and for other purposes ;

An Act to incorporate certain Societies, Associations and Companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others ;

An Act to charter a Cotton Planters' Loan Association ;

An Act for rebuilding the City of Charleston, after the recent conflagration;

An Act to regulate elections of Members of the Legislature and others, within the Parishes of St. Philip's and St. Michael's;

An Act to establish certain Roads, Bridges and Ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted;

An Act to make appropriations for the year commencing in October, A. D. 1861;

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An Act to incorporate certain Religious and Charitable Societies, and Societies for the advancement of Education, and to renew the charters of others heretofore granted;

An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one;

An Act to regulate the reports of Railroad Companies, and for other purposes;

An Act to enable volunteers in the service of the State to exercise the right of suffrage.

On motion of Mr. MOSES, at half-past 2, P. M., the Senate suspended business until 5, P. M.

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At 5, P. M., the PRESIDENT resumed the Chair, and the Senate proceeded with business.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate,

An Act to afford aid to the families of soldiers; and,

An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue, and put in circulation, notes receivable in taxes or dues to the city.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message, and a message of concurrence was returned:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to restore the text of a "Bill to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue, and put in circulation, notes receivable in taxes, or dues to the city," in these particulars, viz., by restoring these words: "and such small bills as the City Council may direct." Also, to restore these words: "*Provided*, That the amount of bills under the denomination of one dollar shall, at all

times, be equal to one-third the amount issued by said City Council under this Act."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The following papers were concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives :

A resolution to apply fifteen thousand dollars to re-enlisting and recruiting the State forces ;

A resolution in relation to the death of soldiers.

The report of the Committee on Claims,

On the petition of John A. Wagener, Colonel of the First Regiment of Artillery, S. C. M., praying that sums be granted to privates F. Ficken and John Klee, of the German Artillery, disabled at the battle of Port Royal.

The following message was received from the House of Representatives, and a message was returned, granting leave to amend :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution sanctioning the issue of small notes by the Bank of the State, by adding thereto, "and authorizes the future issue of the same."

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The report of the Committee on the Judiciary,

On a resolution of inquiry, as to the legality of a tax on dogs, was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives ;

Also, the general report of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, of the House, as to places of holding elections, and Managers of Elections, was concurred in, and returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. GARLINGTON offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Governor be, and is hereby, authorized to appoint an agent to present and adjust the claims which this State has against the Confederate Government for and on account of the expense which it has incurred in the common defence of the Confederate States against the United States, from the 20th of December, 1860.

Which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence.

Mr. MOSES presented the report of the Special Committee of the Senate, on the report of the Committee on Confederate Relations, of the House,

On Message No. 6, of his Excellency the Governor, in relation to the donation of the State of Georgia; which was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence; and,

The House report and the resolutions of Mr. Allen were ordered to *lie on the table*.

Whereupon, the House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of Senate to amend the report of the Special Committee of Senate on the subject of the Georgia donation, by striking out the report and resolutions, and inserting the preamble and resolutions heretofore sent by the House to the Senate on the same subject, and to strike out the residue of the report of Senate.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

And a message of concurrence was returned.

The resolutions were then concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following resolution, which was ordered for immediate consideration, and was not agreed to :

Resolved, That the Banks of this State be authorized to deal in stocks and other securities of the Confederate States.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate,

A resolution to appoint Commissioners under the Act entitled an Act to afford aid to the families of soldiers; which was concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

Mr. MOSES presented the following resolution, which was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That the sum of forty dollars be paid to Samuel Waddell, for his services as Assistant Messenger, in addition to any contract he may have made with the regular Messenger, now absent on leave, and that the House be respectfully requested to concur.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution in relation to asking the Bank of the State to advance forty nine thousand dollars for payments on New State House, by adding the following :

Resolved, That no part of the said appropriation shall be expended, or shall be payable, for salaries of any Assistant Architect or Draftsman in the office or employment of the Architect and Superintendent of the New State House, nor for any other Assistants, whose services are not absolutely required in the prosecution of the work on the present reduced scale.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

And a message of concurrence was returned.

Mr. MOSES presented the following resolution, which was agreed to, and ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives for concurrence :

Resolved, That this Legislature sanctions the issue of small notes by the Bank of the State, heretofore made.

Mr. ARTHUR presented the following resolutions :

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this General Assembly, it is inexpedient for the Judges of the Courts of Law, in this State, during the present year, to call, hear, and determine any cases, on any of the dockets, except in the sessions, without the consent of parties thereto, unless the present war in which we are now engaged shall end before the Spring or Fall Term of said Courts.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be communicated to the Judges of the Courts of Law by the Clerk.

Which was agreed to, and was ordered to be sent to the House of Representatives.

Whereupon the House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully asks leave of the Senate to amend the resolution in relation to the inexpediency of hearing causes in

the Courts, by striking out, in the first resolution, the word "present," between "the" and "year," and inserting "ensuing," so as to read, "during the ensuing year."

By order of the House, .

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

And a message of concurrence was returned to the House of Representatives.

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate, with its concurrence, the following papers :

A resolution sanctioning the issue of small bills by the Bank of the State ;

A resolution requesting the Bank of the State to advance, for the State, upon the Bonds or Stocks heretofore authorized to be issued for such purpose, the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars, for the New State House ;

A resolution in relation to the inexpediency of the Judges of the Courts of Law, in this State, during the ensuing year, calling, hearing, or determining any case, on any of the dockets, except in the sessions ;

A resolution for compensation of Samuel Waddell ;

A resolution in relation to the Boards of Managers for the Parishes of St. Philip's and St. Michael's.

On motion of Mr. ARTHUR, the President of the Senate retired from the Chair, and the Hon. F. J. Moses was called to preside.

Mr. ARTHUR offered the following resolution, which was unanimously agreed to :

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate be returned to the Hon. W. D. PORTER, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which he has discharged the onerous duties of his position as Presiding Officer of this body.

On the resumption of the Chair by the PRESIDENT, Mr. Moses communicated to him the resolution which had been adopted by the Senate,

Whereupon the PRESIDENT replied as follows :

SENATORS : I thank you for this mark of approbation. No one, that has not occupied high official position, can realize how grateful it is to receive from those who have charged you with important and delicate responsibilities, a free and unsolicited approval of your conduct. The duties of the Chair are often embarrassing, and the enforcement of rules of order seems sometimes to bear unkindly on individual members. But it is manifest from this unanimous testimonial, as well as from your uniform and undeviating courtesy of manner towards me, that you have appreciated my desire to do

only what is right. I cannot hope to have been always free from error, but you have generously chosen to forget all that. Your kindness sinks deeply into my heart; and, in return, I beg to assure you that there is not one gentleman upon this floor towards whom I do not cherish the warmest and kindest feelings of regard.

This General Assembly has a proud record, and it will be remembered hereafter with gratitude. It marks a great epoch in our history. It stands in that history between the living and the dead—between the dead old Federal Union and the living new Confederate Republic of America. You may be said to have officially inaugurated this great revolution. With a unanimity which was really wonderful, you called into existence a Convention of the people, charging the delegates thereto *to consider the perils to which the State was exposed in the Federal Union, and to take care that the Commonwealth received no detriment.* That call was the turning point of the revolution, for the action of the Convention was a foregone conclusion. The popular heart was in the movement, and gave impulse to the action both of the Legislature and the Convention. As Representatives, you have faithfully discharged the great trusts devolved upon you; and when our liberties shall have been secured, and the history of the times shall have been written, the part you have played in the great drama will be a heritage of which your children may be proud.

Again I thank you for your kindness. My best wishes attend you all. May the light of a happy household, and the joys of a merry Christmas, welcome each one of you to his home.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the report of the Committee on the Military,

On a letter from R. W. Gibbes, M. D., Surgeon General of the South Carolina Militia, on establishing army hospitals; which was ordered for immediate consideration, and a message was sent to the House of Representatives, asking to amend the report by striking out the words, "to urge upon the Confederate authorities the propriety of establishing," and to insert in lieu thereof the words, "to establish."

The House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following message:

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate:

The House of Representatives respectfully refuses to grant leave to Senate to amend the resolution of the House in relation to the establishment of hospitals, by striking out the words "to urge upon the Confederate authorities the propriety of establishing," and to insert, in lieu thereof, the words

“to establish,” so that it shall read, “is hereby requested to establish army hospitals,” &c.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Senate then sent a message, refusing to grant leave, and asked the appointment of a Committee of Conference, to meet the Senate Committee, consisting of Messrs. McAliley, Rhett, and Moses.

The House of Representatives returned the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully insists upon refusing Senate leave to amend the resolution in relation to an army hospital, by striking out “to urge upon the Confederate authorities the propriety of establishing,” and inserting, in lieu thereof, “to establish.”

House consents to a conference, and has appointed Messrs. Aldrich, Lipscomb, Boylston, and Bates, a Committee to act with Senate Committee.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

Mr. WARE, from the Committee on Incorporations and Engrossed Acts, asked leave to report that the Acts passed at this session of the Legislature were engrossed, and ready for ratification.

Mr. MCALILEY, from the Committee of Conference, on the report of the House Committee, on the letter of R. W. Gibbes, Surgeon General, in relation to the establishment of army hospitals, made a report, and the House report, as amended, was then concurred in, and ordered to be returned to the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. WARE, a message was sent to the House of Representatives, inviting that body to attend forthwith in the Senate Chamber, for the purpose of ratifying the Acts.

Whereupon the House of Representatives returned to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Dec. 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully accepts the invitation of the Senate, to attend forthwith in the Senate Chamber, to ratify the Acts passed at the present session of this General Assembly.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

The Speaker and members of the House of Representatives, attended by the officers of the House and Senate, entered the Senate Chamber, when the following Acts were duly ratified :

ACTS ORIGINATING IN THE SENATE.

An Act to alter the time of holding the election for Ordinary of Anderson District ;

An Act to amend the charter of the Union Light Infantry, Charitable Society and Company ;

An Act to authorize Trustees to invest funds in bonds of the Confederate States ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act creating a military establishment for the State of South Carolina, and for other purposes ;"

An Act to amend the law as to the election of officers of the South Carolina College ;

An Act to authorize certain building and loan associations to suspend the call for monthly instalments ;

An Act to suspend the ninth section of an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three."

An Act to authorize the formation of a Volunteer Company of Light Artillery, and to incorporate the same, by the name of the "Waccamaw Light Artillery ;"

An Act to alter and amend the second section of an Act entitled "An Act to alter and amend the law in relation to Fish Sluices on the Catawba and Wateree Rivers, and for other purposes."

An Act to incorporate the York Gas-Light Company ;

An Act to require the Circuit Judges to send, with their reports to the Appeal Court, the notes of evidence taken on the trial ;

An Act to encourage the manufacture of salt within this State ;

An Act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Columbia ;

An Act to extend relief to debtors, and to prevent the sacrifice of property at public sales ;

An Act to afford aid to the families of soldiers ;

An Act to authorize the City Council of Charleston to issue and put in circulation notes receivable in taxes, or dues to the city.

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An Act to amend and suspend certain portions of the Militia and Patrol Laws of this State ;

An Act to incorporate the Palmetto Lyceum of Charleston ;

An Act to authorize the Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Medical College of South Carolina to apply certain funds to the payment of debt, and for other purposes ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide a Patrol and Military Guard for the City of Charleston, and for other purposes ;"

An Act to incorporate the Florence and Fayetteville Railroad Company ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to aid in the construction of the Georgetown Railroad ;"

An Act to aid in the construction of the Barnwell Railroad ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty," and for other purposes ;

An Act to incorporate the Trenholm Mutual Insurance Company ;

An Act in reference to the suspension of specie payments by the Banks of this State, and for other purposes ;

An Act to confer the rights of legitimacy on a certain child of Mary Mullinax ;

An Act to regulate the reports of the Railroad Companies, and for other purposes ;

An Act to authorize the issue of Stock to the amount of one million eight hundred thousand dollars, for the defence of the State, and for other purposes ;

An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to incorporate the Cheraw and Coal Fields Railroad Company in South Carolina," ratified on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1857, and for other purposes ;

An Act to incorporate the Carolina Insurance Company ;

An Act to grant exemption to certain free persons of color, who shall return to this State, from penalties provided by law ;

An Act to incorporate the Insurance and Trust Company of Charleston, and the Calhoun Insurance Company ;

An Act for re-building the City of Charleston after the recent conflagration ;

An Act to incorporate certain religious and charitable societies, and societies for the advancement of education, and to renew and amend the charters of others heretofore granted ;

An Act to incorporate the Southern Express Company ;

An Act to provide more efficient police regulations for the Districts on the sea-board ;

An Act to charter a Cotton Planters' Loan Association ;

An Act to incorporate certain societies, associations, and companies, and to renew and amend the charters of others ;

An Act to enable volunteers in the military service to exercise the right of suffrage ;

An Act to raise supplies for the year commencing in October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

An Act to provide for the payment by the State of the War Tax of the Confederate States, and for the collection of the same from the tax-payers of this State ;

An Act to establish certain roads, bridges and ferries, and to renew and amend certain charters heretofore granted ;

An Act to regulate the election of members of the Legislature, and others, within the Parishes of St. Philip and St. Michael.

The House of Representatives sent to the Senate the following message :

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 21, 1861.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Senate :

The House of Representatives respectfully informs Senate that it has discharged its business, and is now ready to adjourn, *sine die*.

By order of the House,

JAMES SIMONS, *Speaker*.

A similar message was immediately thereafter sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives.

The PRESIDENT, at 12 o'clock, midnight, in pursuance of orders previously made, on this, Saturday, the 21st day of December, 1861, adjourned the Senate, *sine die*.

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